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NATIONWIDE	MAY 2	MAY 3
Fresh cases	3,157	2,568
Recoveries	2,723	2,911
Deaths	26	20

KARNATAKA	MAY 2	MAY 3
Fresh cases	111	107
Recoveries	76	107
Deaths	0	0

ABORTION RIGHTS IN U.S. MAY BE STRUCK DOWN: LEAKED DRAFT

The unprecedented leak sparked protests through the night in the US and swift condemnation from leading Democrats

ROE VS WADE CASE THAT LEGALISED ABORTION

Justice Samuel Alito, a member of the court's 6–3 conservative majority who was appointed by former President George W Bush wrote that the 50-year-old Roe judgment was "egregiously wrong from the start." While Biden cautioned the draft had not been verified, he said US voters will have to step up in defence of the right if the Supreme Court moves ahead

US' REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS UNDER THREAT

- In 1992, the court guaranteed a woman's right to abort until the fetus is viable outside the womb, which is around 22 to 24 weeks
- Reproductive rights have been under threat as Republican-led states aim to tighten rules, with some seeking to ban abortions after six weeks, before many even know they are pregnant

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U.S. STATES MAY BAN ABORTION IF ROE VS WADE IS OVERTURNED

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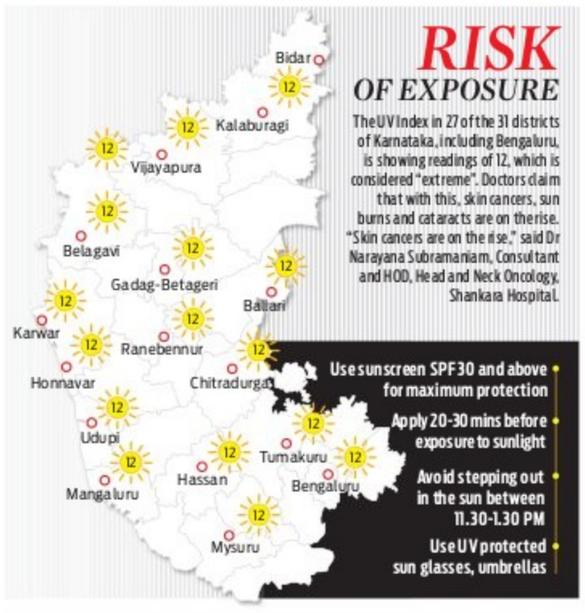

RISK OF EXPOSURE

The UV Index in 27 of the 31 districts of Karnataka, including Bengaluru, is showing readings of 12, which is considered "extreme". Doctors claim that with this, skin cancers, sun burns and cataracts are on the rise. "Skin cancers are on the rise," said Dr Narayana Subramaniam, Consultant and HOD, Head and Neck Oncology, Shankara Hospital.

State faces high UV, threat of skin cancer

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

AS the country is experiencing extreme heat, oncologists are pleading with climate change experts, politicians and the public to take note of the increasing UV Index. In all, 27 of 31 districts of Karnataka, including Bengaluru, are showing UV Index readings of 12, which is considered "extreme". The UV Index for Dharwad, Kolar , Koppal and Raichur is 13 and for Yadagiri it is 12.5.

Only in Ramanagara it is 11, but experts said even here it hits 12 in some parts of the day.

The index indicates the amount of skin-damaging ultraviolet radiation expected to reach the earth's surface at a time when the sun is at its highest (around midday).

"We only look at how weather is, but don't talk about the UV Index. Skin cancers were rare in tropical countries like ours. But now, we are definitely seeing an increase due to high UV exposure," said Dr US Vishal Rao, Dean, HCG Cancer Research Centre and Hospital. He has been continuously studying the risks of UV exposure and the harm it could cause to our body.

He explained that the current rate at which the rivers and lands are drying, temperature rising and climate changing, Indian cities too are contributing to the chart of risky UV Index globally. With this, skin cancers, sun burns and cataracts are on the rise, claim doctors.

The highest incidence of skin cancer is reported from Australia, where the high-UV, harsh sun affects the Caucasian population. "Skin cancers in India used to be rare as higher levels of melanin pigment in our skin mitigates the impact of UV rays. But now skin cancers are on the rise," said Dr Narayana Subramaniam, Consultant and HOD, Head and Neck Oncology, Shankara Hospital.

What is UV Index?

The World Health Organisation devised the UV index in 2002. Depending on the range, it gives an idea as to how careful you need to be in the sun. A score of 1 or 2 is low, 3 to 5 is moderate, 6 or 7 is high, 8 to 10 is very high and 11 and above is extreme. P5

XE VARIANT IN INDIA, ADMITS GOVT FINALLY

Omicron BA.2 still dominant variant in India

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

AMIDST a spike in Covid cases, the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) has finally confirmed the presence in India of Omicron's sub-variant XE, which is 10% more transmissible.

The confirmation came weeks after XE — a recombinant variant of BA.1 and BA.2 sub lineages of Omicron — was reported from Maharashtra, Gujarat and Kerala. The Union health ministry had denied the initial reports of its presence. In a bulletin dated April 25, INSACOG said one XE case was reported in India. However, INSACOG, jointly initiated by the Union health ministry and Department of Biotechnology in 2020, did not specify from which state it was reported.

In India, Omicron BA.2 is still the dominant variant to date. BA.2, a version of Omicron reported globally, has propelled Covid-19 surges across Europe and the US.

INSACOG also said that BA.2.10 and BA.2.12 — BA.2 sub-lineages — have been detected, and "many old BA.2 sequences have been reclassified into these new sub-lineages."

So far, these sub-lineages are not reported to be associated with increased disease severity, it said.

On April 6, Maharashtra said the first case of XE was detected in Mumbai following genomic sequencing from a sample of a 50-year-old from South Africa. But the Union health ministry promptly denied it. Three days later, Gujarat announced its first XE case after a man from Mumbai tested positive for Covid-19 in Vadodara. In Kerala, too, one case of XE was seen on April 22. All three cases were reported in March, but genome sequence results came in the first week of April.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah waves at a gathering during his visit to Bengaluru on Tuesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

AUTOMATED ACCESS TO INFO NEEDED

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said security requirements have changed significantly compared to the earlier security challenges and there is a need for legal and security agencies to have an automated and immediate access to information.

National database soon on terror funding: Shah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said the Centre will soon develop a national database to monitor hawala transactions, terror funding, counterfeit currency, narcotics, bomb threats, illegal arms smuggling and other activities that can potentially support terror acts.

Intelligence and legal agencies should now be able to make full use of it with the barriers to critical data being removed, he said.

He was speaking after inaugurating the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) Bengaluru premises, which will play an active role in using the national database.

Shah said security requirements have changed significantly compared to the earlier security challenges in terms of data, scope and complexity and there is a need for legal and security agencies to have an automated, secure and immediate access to information obtained from reliable sources.

The services of the NATGRID solution will be available to 11 Central agencies and police of all States and Union Territories. It will link user agencies with data holders, giving them access to real-time information needed for intelligence services and investigations. C-DAC Pune has been roped in as Technology Partner and IIT Bhilai as Plan Management Consultant for the development of the NATGRID solution, said a statement issued by the government.

Shah expressed hope that NATGRID will build a strong foundation for intelligence departments and provide them with state-of-the-art tools in the fight against terror organizations and their supporters.

He requested user agencies to exercise caution in using this system, which should be used only for correct purposes. He stressed that privacy and security of data are serious matters and assured protocols have been put in place to ensure there is no unauthorized access to citizens' personal data. P4

1st no-trust motions against Lankan govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

SRI Lanka's powerful Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) on Tuesday became the first Opposition party to submit no-confidence motions against embattled President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and the coalition government he has cobbled together.

The motions came on a day the government announced the appointment of a Cabinet sub-committee on Constitutional reforms. "We met the Speaker at his residence and handed over two no-trust motions, the first one against the President under Article 42 of the Constitution and the other against the government," SJB general secretary Ranjith Madduma Bandara said. SJB is the main Opposition party in the country.

Gotabaya Rajapaksa

With Parliament meeting on Wednesday for the first of its eight sittings this month, Bandara wants the motions to be taken up at the earliest. But any motion will need seven days of notice before it can be voted upon.

Another no-trust motion against Gotabaya is expected to be jointly filed by the Tamil National Alliance (TNA) and former prime minister Ranil Wickremesinghe's United National Party (UNP).

If the government loses the floor test when the SJB motion is taken up, it would be the end of the road for Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa.

EXPRESS READ

Following communal clashes before Eid, a curfew was imposed in areas under 10 police stations in Jodhpur, Rajasthan on Tuesday | PTI | P7

Year on, no relief for 12 Ch'nagar O_2 victims

Mysuru: A year after the oxygen tragedy that killed 36 patients at the Chamarajanagar District Hospital that drew the attention of the nation, the victims are still running from pillar to post seeking justice | P5

Raj Thackeray booked for inflammatory speech

Mumbai: The Aurangabad police registered an FIR against MNS chief Raj Thackeray for his provocative speech in the city on Sunday. The police said his last 4.5 minutes of the speech was very provocative and inflammatory | P8

Open talks, announce truce in Ukraine: Modi

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday appealed for an immediate ceasefire in Ukraine amid calls from his Denmark counterpart Mette Frederiksen to use his influence to pressure Russian President Vladimir Putin to end the mindless war.

"We have called for an immediate ceasefire in Ukraine and adoption of dialogue and diplomacy to resolve the problem," Modi said after bilateral talks at Frederiksen's residence in Mareinborg near Copenhagen.

"Denmark condemns Russia's unprovoked war on Ukraine. The scenes at Bucha were disturbing. We want Putin to end the war and would like India to influence Russia in this discussion," Frederikesen said.

As a special gesture, Frederikesen went to the airport to receive Modi, who arrived from Germany.

The two prime ministers had first met in New Delhi last October.

Modi said there are more than 200 Danish companies operating in India at present in various sectors like wind energy, health, ports, shipping. He added that there are plenty of investment opportunities for Danish companies and pension funds in India's infrastructure sector and green industries. In the India-Denmark Business forum, Modi emphasised the complementary skillsets of the two economies and invited Danish companies to take advantage of India's enormous opportunities in areas like green technologies, cold chains, waste to wealth, shipping and ports.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his Denmark counterpart Mette Frederiksen in Copenhagen | PTI

"These days the term FOMO or 'fear of missing out' is gaining traction on social media. Looking at India's reforms and investment opportunities, I can say that those who don't invest in our nation will certainly miss out," he said.

'Nothing official' in Union home secy's CID, FSL visit

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

UNION Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla on Tuesday afternoon visited the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) headquarters and Forensic Science Laboratory, Madiwala. Bhalla had accompanied Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who arrived in Bengaluru on Monday night.

Bhalla, accompanied by Karnataka Chief Secretary and his batchmate P Ravi Kumar, and Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) Praveen Sood, spent an hour at the Cyber Crime Division (CCD), CID and interacted with DGP, CID, PS Sandhu, ADGP Umesh Kumar and some other CCD officers. Bhalla and Kumar are IAS officers of the 1984 batch. The former had retired in August last year and was given a one-year extension.

Later, Bhalla visited FSL, Madiwala and inspected state-of-the-art facility and infrastructure. "He interacted with officers, scientific and technical staff there," sources told TNIE. "He (Bhalla) had some spare time and wanted to visit CCD and FSL. The former is supposed to be among the best cyber crime units in the country and the new FSL facility is also equally impressive. There was nothing official, and there were no important discussions held during his visit," added sources. The timing of his visit is, however, not without significance because the police Sub-Inspector recruitment scam is being probed by CID with FSL's assistance.

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• **Wednesday:** 04/05/2022 • **Year:** Shubhakrutha • **Ayana:** Uttharayana
• **Ritu:** Vasantha • **Masa:** Vaishaka • **Paksha:** Shukla • **Tithi:** Chathurthi (Whole Day)
• **Nakshatra:** Mrigashira 3.40 am • Moon in Mithuna Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30pm
• **Gulikakala:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am

WEATHER
MIN 22°C | MAX 33°C
FORECAST
Showers late. Afternoon clouds

Sunrise 5.58 am
Sunset 6.35 pm
Moonrise 8.22 am
Moonset 9.40 pm

BBMP AWAITS BUDGET NOD

Pol development, CM's tour causing delay

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

WITH monsoon is round the corner and many civil works are waiting to be executed, officials of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) are worried about the approval of the budget and by how much will it be revised.

As the approval from the government is getting delayed, officials are worried that the budget outlay could be increased. They also fear that with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai busy with political issues, the approval could be further delayed.

The BBMP late on March 31, 2022, had released the budget for Bengaluru with an outlay of Rs 10,480 crore. The budget document is awaiting final seal from the CM, who is also the Bengaluru Development in-charge minister.

"Usually the budget approval would be done by April end or May first week, but with the ongoing political developments and CM's tours, we are not able to get the time to get his approval for the budget and clear his doubts, if any. Many MPs, MLAs and councillors were not happy with the budget document and outlay. They had wanted a bigger amount in the budget draft. It was cut down by over Rs 2,000 crore. Now with the delay, the disgruntled ministers could get their way and make matters worse for us," said a BBMP official not wanting to be named.

The budget document of BBMP has been under regular controversies where the amount realised and the amount estimated have been different. The BBMP budget in 2021- 22 was Rs 88,048.13 lakh.

In 2020, against the proposal of the BBMP with the budget outlay of Rs 10,899.84 crore, the state government had escalated the cost and released a budget of Rs 11,715.2 crore. In 2019, after a long debate of three days in the BBMP council the budget of Rs 12,574.77 crore was approved and submitted to the government. The budget outlay in the BBMP council had increased by Rs 1,886.14 crore.

"If the outlay of the budget increases or decreases it will be a matter of concern. Since more emphasis is on tax collection and with elections approaching, we are worried that there could be changes in the scheme of affairs. The matter of converting B- khata sites to A- Khata is also dragging feet with the government, despite being announced in the state budget. As announcements are being made for the city, availability of funds is also a matter of concern. It becomes worrisome with the ongoing court litigations and other police inquiries," the official said.

Keep umbrellas ready, rain to continue for 2 days

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AMID the summer heat, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast rainfall coupled with thunder and lightening for the next two days, due to local convection for most parts of south interior Karnataka.

The weatherman have also forecast rainfall over parts of Karnataka from May 6 due to the formation of a low pressure area over south Arabian Sea.

The rainfall caught many commuters by surprise on Tuesday evening as the day temperature was 34 degrees Celsius in city and 34.1 degrees Celsius at HAL airport. No rainfall was reported till 5.30 pm on Tuesday and till 8.30 pm. The city observatory on Palace Road recorded 6mm rainfall.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) control room officials stated that there were no complaints of water logging in the city. However a tree branch fell on Cunningham Road.

> **The present rainfall is because of local convection, where the temperatures in the day will be hot and by evening or late night there will be thunder showers**
>
> IMD official

According to IMD officials, a cyclonic circulation is likely to form over south Andaman Sea and neighbourhood around May 4 and is likely to form into a low pressure area by May 6, due to heavy rainfall over most parts of Karnataka. "The present rainfall is because of local convection, where the temperatures in the day will be hot and by evening or late night there will be thunder showers, bringing short respite," the official said.

To ensure that accurate weather readings will be giving, in wake of the approaching south west monsoon, the IMD has started the process of releasing sub- division wise monthly outlooks, instead of mere seasonal outlooks. This has also been started in wake of the heat wave conditions in most parts of India. The outlook covers three parametres- maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall.

"The outlook has been issued with the aim to give accurate and timely information. It can be updated and corrected accordingly," the official added.

ONE WITH GOD

A little girl attends the prayers on Eid-ul-Fitr in Bengaluru on Tuesday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

MLC Namoshi gets HC relief in PMLA case

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THE Karnataka High Court has quashed proceedings against MLC Shashil G Namoshi and two others under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) based on a private complaint.

Justice Sunil Dutt Yadav passed the order, while allowing the petition filed by Shashil, Baburao and Dr Sampath Kumar Loya from Kalaburagi. They questioned the validity of the private complaint and the order passed by the III Additional Sessions Court, Mangaluru, on May 24, 2016, to take cognisance of the offences.

"Taking note that the present complaint is made by a private individual, the question of court taking cognisance and issuing process to the accused when the offence involved is one under Section 3 and punishable under Section 4 of the PMLA, is impermissible. On this sole ground itself, the order dated May 24, 2016 is set aside. Further, the entirety of the proceedings before the trial court is set aside. The trial court cannot take notice of a complaint by private persons without a complaint being presented through the authorities as specified in proviso to Section 45(1) of the Act," the court said.

It said that once the specific procedure prescribed under the Act provides for taking cognisance only upon a complaint in writing made by a specified person, the question of falling back upon the procedure under the CrPC to entertain a private complaint as envisaged under Section 190(1)(a) of CrPC does not arise, in light of the rider to applicability of CrPC in Section 46. The proceedings were initiated based on a private complaint filed before the sessions court under Section 200 CrPC read with Section 45(1) of the PMLA for an offence under Section 3 and punishable under Section 4 of Act.

Citizens seethe as Shah's visit throws traffic out of gear

A large crowd at the inauguration of Nrupatunga University in Bengaluru by Union Home Minister Amit Shah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FOLLOWING Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit, Bengaluru commuters and furious netizens questioned why they have to suffer because of one person as the city police had put up barricaded many roads especially Race Course Road, Cubbon Road and Vittal Mallya Road.

The commuters also had heated exchanges with traffic police personnel for blocking the roads, and some political leaders were also stuck in the traffic jam. A senior police officer said that disgruntled commuters lashes out at the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) for causing inconvenience.

However, he said that information about traffic diversions were intimated a day before and the commuters were guided for alternative routes. In some junctions, commuters were honking in rage and arguing with the policemen, and forced them to remove the barricades for a few minutes.

Shah arrived in Bengaluru for his day-long visit and was welcomed by CM Basavaraj Bommai at the HAL Airport on Monday night. Shah also attended the Khelo India event at the Kanteerava Stadium which resulted in heavy traffic in the surrounding areas.

Roads repaired, potholes filled

BBMP officials and contractors had filled many potholes and tarred the damaged roads through which Shah's convoy passed. Residents were surprised to find the roads being repaired.

Thieves in swanky attire steal ₹60k

BENGALURU: Moving in a high-end car and dressed swankily seems to be the modus operandi of two thieves who have committed theft at a supermarket in JP Nagar 7th phase. The accused did not need tool to gain entry. Instead, they took a wooden log that had fallen on the road due to the heavy rain and sharpened its edges. They have managed to lift the shutters and escaped with Rs 60,000 in cash. The supermarket is located at RBI Layout in JP Nagar 7th phase and the incident took place in the wee hours of Monday at around 3.30 am. One of the accused after going inside opened the cash counter. Later the two fled from the spot in the car. The Konanakuntte police have registered a case.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

04th May: I have been reminding you about the wonderful effects of images of the Earth from space. One of the results has been a huge boost to environmental awareness, especially the realization that we need to care for our planet by clearing up litter and preventing pollution. Increasingly, we need understand how we need to care for space as well!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You're in an uncharacteristically sensitive mood. If you are bathed in love and affection then I think you'll be quite happy, but you're very touchy and inclined to over-react just as soon as you don't get your own way. But be warned - you run the risk of diminishing yourself in partners' eyes.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
It's one of those times when the stars could push you to extremes. On the one hand, you'll be tending to become rather virtuous and self-righteous. On the other, you'll be happy to pull the wool over somebody's eyes. Keep a watch on rising costs, though.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
There is likely to be a sense of urgency about all career and professional matters, including those in which you are only involved at second remove. Today, though, I suspect that your mind may be on higher things. Perhaps you're fed up with the distractions of your daily routine.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
In love, you'll settle for life-long friendship rather than temporary passion. At work, this is one of those times when you are liable to fly off the handle, perhaps because you imagine your rights have been infringed or your worth unappreciated. For your own sake give other people the benefit of the doubt.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Hopefully you will now realise that partners, colleagues and companions are entitled to question your ideas and opinions. You see, the Moon is giving the advantage to other people, and you might have some ground to make up. Don't worry - you can do it!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
One thing is certain, which is that you need to use tact and diplomacy when handling one special relationship. The problem lies not with you but with other folk, who are just too sensitive by half. Perhaps you'd do best to start by persuading them that you're on their side.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Venus, your planetary ruler, is now in an aspect so sensitive as to be almost hysterical. It's so easy for love and devotion to be tipped over into anger and resentment, but there is no reason why this should happen if you act with typical Libran wisdom and maturity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You are really extremely good at talking your way out of tight corners, and you should now use your verbal skills to ask for help and encourage others to come to your aid. Partners probably have a more realistic view of current possibilities than you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The Sun, that most noble of planets, is adopting a mature view of proceedings, encouraging you to take full responsibility for your own affairs. You should now make solid efforts to guarantee your long-term security. At the very least, you should balance your financial books.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Hopefully common sense is prevailing, enabling you to refuse to make further compromises without risking confrontation. Today's lunar alignments put the accent on money, especially on your independent-minded approach. You might have to give a little now in order to receive more later on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Congratulations! The Moon is now making its triumphal passage through a successful region of your chart. If you don't achieve a number of personal ambitions now, then you'll have to wait another month. Just don't get embroiled in irrelevant emotional rifts.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
The financial sectors of your chart are coming under increasing pressure. If you're a typical Pisces then you'll probably splash out on some thoroughly useless, but quite possibly entertaining, ventures. Tension could still be high at home, but the worst should be over.

THE PHANTOM

THE 22ND PHANTOM WOULD HAVE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF HER OWN...
WALKERS, MOIZ!
YOU'RE TRYING TO TELL ME THAT WOULDN'T HAPPEN?
YOUR DAUGHTER IS INDEED PREPARED TO BE A PHANTOM!
SHE CHOOSES...!
NOT TO BE.
Falk

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

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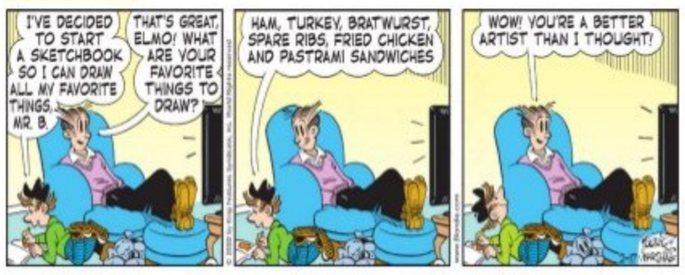
I'VE DECIDED TO START A SKETCHBOOK SO I CAN DRAW ALL MY FAVORITE THINGS, MR. B.
THAT'S GREAT, ELMO! WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE THINGS TO DRAW?
HAM, TURKEY, BRATWURST, SPARE RIBS, FRIED CHICKEN AND PASTRAMI SANDWICHES
WOW! YOU'RE A BETTER ARTIST THAN I THOUGHT!

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

SUDOKU

Hard: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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	5			2		7	9	
			6		5	2		

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

7	4	1	9	6	5	2	3	8
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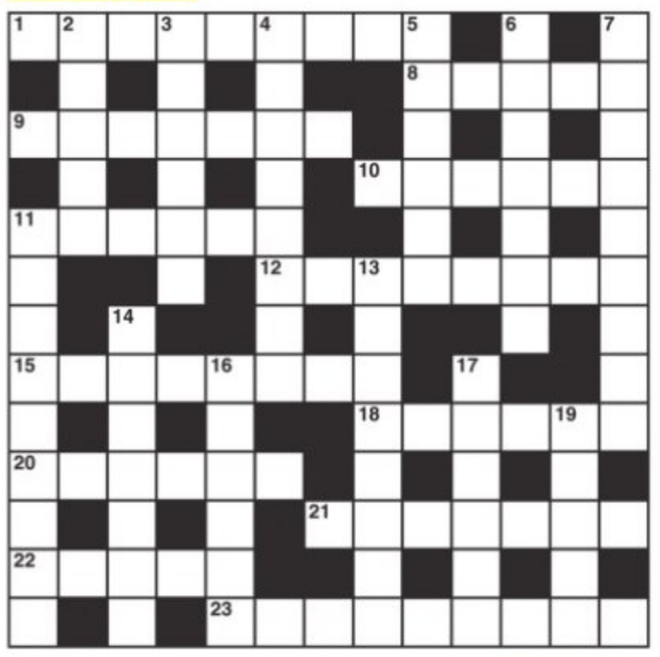
CROSS WORD



ACROSS
1 Ten inflated and deflated (9)
8 Maurice has a heart of gold (5)
9 US city that was smart in the past (7)
10 A maths formula which leaves one breathless (6)
11 Service conductor (6)
12 In distribution of income the company is thrifty (8)
15 Words in action (8)
18 Staggered but got in line (6)
20 Medicines that vary in cost (6)
21 They're associated with heads and tails (3,4)
22 Debate socially acceptable in appearance (5)
23 For example, crocodiles shedding teardrops (9)

DOWN
2 He composed some enjoyable harmonies (5)
3 Bill of fare? (6)
4 Two short of a complete score (8)
5 Stony-hearted mother and son (6)
6 Author shows wild rage about poor acting (7)
7 Scored but taken from the field (9)
11 Fish with a pole? It has added point (9)
13 Put on too much weight (8)
14 The first to reach sporting conclusions (7)
16 Lodge in temporary accommodation (6)
17 The rod may become incandescent (3-3)
19 Put your name down to go in (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Crossed, 4 Ethos, 7 Ends, 8 Maddened, 10 Persistent, 12 Potage, 13 Meteor, 15 Figurehead, 18 Sapphire, 19 Bolt, 20 Laser, 21 Majesty.

Down: 1 Cheap, 2 Obdurate, 3 Dearth, 4 Endangered, 5 Hank, 6 Sidecar, 9 Kingfisher, 11 Generous, 12 Perusal, 14 Quorum, 16 Ditty, 17 Opus.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TSPEW

TLAGO

KARHNS

TYEALN

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S **Jumbles:**
MOTTO UPEND FOSSIL SYMBOL
ANSWER: The addition problems written on the board needed – SOME SUMS

DURATION OF PANDEMIC	CASES REPORTED	DEATHS	DISCHARGES
2 YEARS, 56 DAYS	■ 107 ◂ 111	■ 0 | ◂ 0	■ 107 | ◂ 76
	TALLY	POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE
■ TODAY ◂ YESTERDAY	■ 39,47,944 ◂ 39,47,837	■ 5.99 % | ◂ 5.99 %	■ 1.01 % | ◂ 1.01%
ACTIVE CASES	■ 1,815 ◂ 1,815	RECOVERY RATE	■ 98.93% ◂ 98.93%

B'luru Urban: 100	Chamarajanagar: 0	Dharwad: 0	Kolara: 0	Shivamogga: 0
B'luru Rural: 0	Chikkaballapur: 1	Gadag: 0	Koppal: 0	Tumakuru: 0
Bagalkot: 0	Chikkamagaluru: 1	Hassan: 0	Mandya: 0	Udupi: 0
Ballari: 0	Chitradurga: 3	Haveri: 0	Mysuru: 1	U Kannada: 1
Belagavi: 0	D Kannada: 0	Kalaburagi: 0	Raichur: 0	Vijayapura: 0
Bidar: 0	Davanagere: 0	Kodagu: 0	Ramanagara: 0	Yadgir: 0

Disharmony not for you: Docs told

Violations will be dealt with sternly: Circular

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

SINCE doctors and other medical professionals are in direct contact with citizens, and their words are taken seriously, the Karnataka Medical Council has warned the doctors to be wary of their acts in the wake of rising communal disharmony in the state.

The Council has issued a circular to all its registered doctors, which has gone viral. It reads, "It has been brought to the notice of the Council that doctors are actively participating in spreading communal disharmony through social media. Participation of doctors in issues of communal disharmony clearly amounts to professional misconduct for the reason that a doctor is supposed to treat patients irrespective of caste or religion. Hence all medical practitioners working in Karnataka are informed that they shall not be a part of any issues pertaining to communal disharmony and in case it is noticed by KMC, they will be dealt with sternly as it is a violation of medical and professional ethics." The circular is signed by the registrar of the Council Dr Shamrao B Patil. There are around 1.7 lakh doctors in the state. The last renewed registry of five years has shown that 55,000-60,000 of them have renewed the registration.

Dr Kanchi Pralhad V, president of the Council, told *The New Indian Express* that so far, no cases have been reported where doctors have stepped over the line. The circular was issued as a caution and warning to doctors to maintain professional conduct in their personal and professional life. It is a circular of alertness to members not to talk of anything which will lead to disharmony. They should be watchful of their behaviour in society, he added.

FOR A PROSPEROUS YEAR

Customers buy gold on the occasion of Akshaya Tritiya in Bengaluru on Tuesday. It is believed that buying gold on this auspicious day would bring prosperity | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

EXPRESS READ

Train journey time between B'luru and M'luru to reduce from June 1

BENGALURU: The train journey time between Bengaluru and the coastal region is set to reduce from June 1. According to a release from South Western Railway (SWR), while the journey time of Karwar-Bengaluru train will be reduced by 45 minutes, that of Kannur-Bengaluru train will be reduced by 20 minutes. Sources in the railways said the travel time was reduced after the recent track renewal works between Hassan and Shravanabelagola which led to increase in speed of trains on the Hassan-Bengaluru section. ENS

CHANDRA LAYOUT MURDER

Two juveniles, 7 others held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CHANDRA Layout police arrested nine persons, including two juveniles, in connection with the kidnap and gruesome murder of a 33-year-old man who was a metal fabricator.

Joheb Abrar, a resident of 9th Main BCC Layout in Chandra Layout area, was murdered in the wee hours of Sunday. Abrar's mother Fareeda Sultana, 58, a resident of Minaz Nagar had filed a complaint in this regard.

Abrar was married to Shabreen Khannum, and they had two children. The main accused Nadeem Ahmed, a resident of Gangondanahalli was growing close to Shabreen. Sultana, who noticed this, shared it with Abrar, who started fighting with his wife.

Unable to bear the tumult, Sultana moved out of the house.

The arrested are Mohammed Shafi, Shabbir Hussain, Hannan Pasha, Mohammed Mubarak, Thabrez Pasha, Nadeem Pasha and Tanveer Pasha. The police have recovered a car, one luggage carrier and the two-wheeler of the victim. The police are on the lookout for four more accused including the main accused who are absconding.

One of the colleagues of the victim witnessed the accused kidnapping Abrar in a luggage carrier. Upon learning about his death, the colleague provided Sultana the details with the names of the accused. "The main accused along with his associates had kidnapped the victim from Gangondanahalli on Saturday night. The body was found in the early hours of Sunday near a gym on the 10th Main. We are still trying to establish Shabreen's role in the murder," said an officer.

THE REAL HEROES

Fighting for public urinals: SI, five constables clean toilets on Labour Day

SI Shanthappa Jademmanavar and five constables clean a toilet

PRAVEEN KUMAR @Bengaluru

A 31-year-old police sub-inspector, along with a team of police constables working in different police stations across the city, celebrated the Labour Day by cleaning public toilets. He is the same police officer who started an online campaign to build public toilets after his mother struggled to find a toilet when they were waiting to board a bus to Ballari.

Shanthappa Jademmanavar, who is from a family of migrant labourers, has also started an online campaign for public toilets at Goraguntepalya junction on Tumakuru Road near Taj Vivanta in Yeshwanthpur. The team of policemen also remembered late IPS officer Madhukar Shetty, during whose tenure they were selected to the force.

The SI, attached to the Vidhana Soudha police station, cleaned the toilets along with five police constables working at Basaveshwaranagar, Annapurneshwarinagar and other police stations. On Monday, the team cleaned two public toilets — at Sumanahalli and Kengunte in Annapurneshwarinagar. The video of the SI cleaning the toilet has gone viral. "After I started the online campaign for building public toilets, these five police constables contacted me in support of the campaign. As I am from a family of migrant labourers, I personally know the difficulties in finding public toilets. Even if there are public toilets, they will not be properly maintained which causes serious health issues. So to begin with, I thought of cleaning two public toilets which are used by a large number of people," Jademmanavar told *TNIE*. The policemen carry phenyl bottles and use brushes available at the public toilets. Jademmanavar plans to clean public toilets once every month. The police officer is continuously putting out requests for toilets by tagging local MLA R Munirathna, who is also the Minister of Horticulture, and other civic officials concerned. Despite his nonstop effort, there was no response from the government. Finally, he decided to set up a portable toilet on his own and wanted it to be thrown open to the public, but went back on his decision due to pressure from various sections of society.

> **As I am from a family of migrant labourers, I personally know the difficulties in finding public toilets. Even if there are public toilets, they will not be properly maintained**
>
> Shanthappa Jademmanavar, police sub-inspector

Jademmanavar said he wants a toilet at Goraguntepalya junction on Tumakuru Road, where his elderly mother wanted to go to the toilet, but could not find one. He does not want any other woman to face the same problem. Jademmanavar hails from a village in Ballari. A science graduate, he previously worked at Ashoknagar and AP Nagar police stations.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my clients (1) Smt. Venkatamma D/o Late Kuretappa, (2) Sri. Suresh (3) Sri. Mahadeva (4) Sri. Shamaiah (5) Smt. Nagarathna (6) Sri. Muniraja (7) Sri. Munendra (8) Smt. Manjula, sons and daughters of Sri. Venkataramaiah, all are R/at Medahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk revoked / cancelled the General Power Of Attorneys dated 18.12.2002 and 22.01.2001 said to be executed by them / with forged signatures, in favour of Mr. M.R. Shivakumara Swamy son of Late M. Rangappa, in respect of the Schedule mentioned property.

General Public are hereby requested not to deal with said Mr. M.R. Shivakumara Swamy son of Late M. Rangappa as he has created the same with forged signatures our clients and any act or deed committed by him in this regard is invalid and not binding on our clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy.No.17/1A, measuring 34 Guntas, situate at Medahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk and bounded on the **East by:** Land Belongs to Siddappa, **West by:** Portion of Land sold to Smt. Malini, **North by:** Land Belongs to Sharadappa & Godappa's Munivenkatappa and **South by:** Sy.No.17/2B Belongs to Our Clients.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy.No.17/1B, measuring 36 Guntas, situate at Medahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk and bounded on the **East by:** Land Belongs to Swmaynathan, **West by:** Dhangura, **North by:** Land Belongs to Kodanda Ramaswamy Devaru and **South by:** Lands Belongs to Thippiah.

N. Dinakar, Advocate,
6A, Ravish Complex, No.169, Armstrong Road, Veerapillai Street Cross, Bangalore-560 001. Ph:98458 48777
Email:adv.dinakar@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client wish to purchase Converted land bearing New Sy No.21/9, Old Sy No.21/4 measuring 2 Acre 09 Guntas situated at S. Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District from its owners **1. SRI. B.N.Venkatesh Reddy** S/o Sri.Nanja Reddy, **2.SRI. B.N.Prabhakar** S/o Sri.Nanja Reddy Both are Residing at : No.72, Opp Anjaneya Temple, Billapura Village Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Talum, Bangalore-562125. 'G.L.Residancy' and **3. Smt. B.N.Mamatha,** aged about 46 years, W/o Sri.Srinivas Reddy Residing at : V.Kallahalli Village , Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562125 who have clear and marketable title to the Schedule Property.

Any person/s who claims any right, title or mortgage or charge or interest of any nature in relation to the Schedule property and/or has objections of any nature to the proposed transaction should lodge such claims and/or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within 7 (Seven) days from the date of this notice, failing which it will be deemed that no valid claims or objections subsist and our client would proceed to complete the sale transaction with the present owners by getting sale deed in their name subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Converted land bearing New Sy No.21/9, Old Sy No.21/4, measuring 2 Acre 09 Guntas (converted from agricultural to non agricultural residential purpose vide the orders of the Dy. Commissioner in ALN(ASH)SR.13/2014-15 dated 23-02-2015) situated at S.Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, and bounded on the:

East : Land bearing Sy No.22 & 23,
West : Land bearing Sy No.20,
North : Land bearing Sy No's.21/1,2,3,4,
South : Land bearing Sy No.21/4.

R.SURENDRA NATH BENARJY,
Advocate,
#14 & 15, 2nd Cross, Kodandarama Reddy layout, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore–16.
Mobile - 9845784151

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to the intimation of General Public that, the Special Power of Attorney dated 14-09-2021, executed by my client Smt. Narasamma, W/o late C.L. Muniyappa, resident of old No. 17, 1st Main Road, 2nd Cross, Valmiki nagar, Mysore Road, Bangalore - 560 026, has executed a SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY in favour of one Sri. K.G. Krishna, S/o Gooli Gowda, Aged about 48 years, R/at Halevooru Road, Kampalapura Kodavathi, Huliyurudurga Hobli, Kunigal Taluk, Tumkur District - 572123, Aadhar No. 847284685487 in respect of schedule property is hereby cancelled/revoked by my client. Any civil suits, criminal petition and also any complainant in respect of schedule property will be treated as void/null from the date of Public Notice.

Anybody dealing with Sri. K.G. Krishna, S/o Gooli Gowda in respect of schedule property shall do so at their own risk and cost.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Sy.No. 10/12, measuring 2 acres, situated at Pattanagere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded on:

East by : Panchasheela Polytechnic Institute, West by : Nala, North by : Road, South by : Road

ARVIND .B. PATIL, Advocate
At No.4803, 8th Floor, High Point - IV, R.C. Road, Bengaluru- 560 001.
Date : 04-05-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the General Public that my client **Mrs. REDDIMALLI USHODAYA** W/o. Mr. Devireddy Sudhakar Reddy, aged about 42 years, Flat No.19, Kuwait, represented by her GPA Holder Sri. Reddimalli Ramanan Reddy, aged about 70 years, Aadhar No.7524 3110 2885, son of Reddimalli Venkata Reddy, residing at No.6-59, T.B. Road, Opp. RTC Bus Stand, Kalikiri, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh-517234. She was intend to purchase described in the schedule hereunder belongs to LEWIS INFRASTRUCTURE & PROJECTS, Lewis Tech Park, No.18, Miller's Road, Benson Town, Naridurga Road, Bengaluru-560046, represented by its partners Mr. Santosh Glen Lewis son of Mr. Nevil Lewis its was the land owner and the said company entered the agreement of sale with V. Group, A Proprietary Concern, Office at 3rd Floor, V. Towers, T.C. Palya Main Road, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bengaluru-560 016, represented by its Authorized Representative and Special Power of Attorney Holder Sri. K. Manoj Kumar S/o. Kummara Muneeshwaraiah for the purpose of development and formed residential and commercial sites in respect of property bearing Converted Survey No.48 of Seegehalli Village, K.R. Pura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, which is intend to purchase sites by my above client.

Therefore any other Person/s having any claim in respect of the referred property or part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, gift, maintenance, inheritance, possession, lease, tenancy, sub tenancy, transfer of title or beneficial interest, under any trust right of possession, or pre-emptionor under any agreement, assignment agreement or other disposition decree, or Awardor otherwise claiming howsoever, are hereby requested to make the same known in writing together with supporting documents to the undersigned below mention Address **within 7 days** (both days inclusive) of the Publication hereof failing which the claim of such persons/s will deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.I : All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing **Site No.52,** formed in Converted Survey No.48, (Converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide Conversion Order bearing No. BDS.ALN (E).SR(KRH) 92/2007-08, dated:30/10/2008, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), situated at **SEEGEHALLI VILLAGE,** K.R. Pura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore. Presently under the jurisdiction of **BBMP, measuring East to West 35 feet and North to South 60 feet, totally measuring about 2100 Sq.feet,** and bounded on the; East by: Site No.45; West by: Site No.53. North by: Site No.51 & 46; South by : Road;

Item No.II : All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing **Site No.53,** formed in Converted Survey No.48, (Converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide Conversion Order bearing No. BDS.ALN (E).SR(KRH) 92/2007-08, dated:30/10/2008, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), situated at **SEEGEHALLI VILLAGE,** K.R. Pura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore. Presently under the jurisdiction of **BBMP, measuring East to West 33 feet and North to South 60 feet, totally measuring about 1980 Sq.feet,** and bounded on the; **East by:** Site No.52; **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.51; **South by :** Road;

NAGESHA. M Advocate
AMRUTHA LAW ASSOCIATES,
No.373/1, 2nd Cross, 5th Main,
K.R. Puram Old Extension, Bangalore-560 036.
Mobile No.9738483375.

LOST

I, Sri R.Puttarevanna S/o Sri R. Renukappa, Residing at: No.3079, Ward No.24, Taluk office road, Ganigarapete, Doddaballapura Town, Bengaluru Rural District do hereby bring to the notice of public at large that, on 01.01.2022 I lost original document of my self acquired property situated within the purview of Dargajogihalli Grama Panchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District which was duly Registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Doddaballapura Taluk on 19.06.2020 vide Registered Document No. 2471/1998-99, stored in C.D.No. DBPD- 824, Book No.1, Volume No.2215, Pages 113-116, while I was shifting my house. I hereby declare that I truly lost the aforesaid document. I further declare that, I have not morgaged /leased my supra mentioned property in any public/private Bank/ finance company till date. As I could not trace out the said document even after searching hard, I lodged complaint before Doddaballapura Police Station vide Endorsement No.PO0262220600206 dated 22.04.2022 for obtaining the duplicate copy of aforesaid document. I also sworn to the above said facts before Smt M.Radhamma, Notary Public on 29.03.2022 as well. If found please contact to mobile No: +91 91135 38464.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have entered into an agreement to purchase the Schedule property from its owners: Smt.Renuka.S W/o late Krishnamurthy.N and her children Sri.Vinod.K and Smt.Divya Krishna Murthy, residing at: No.15/2, 12th 'A' Cross, S.R.Nagar, Bangalore – 560027.

If any person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule property by the aforesaid owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objections in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Municipal No.15, PID No.28-46-15, measuring East to West 24 ft and North to South 45 ½ ft, in all measuring 1092 Sq.ft, with a building thereon, situated at Kilari Road, Bangalore, within the limits of BBMP ward No.109 (Chickpet Ward) and bounded on:

East by : Property belonging to Veeranna and Ramallappa
West by : Property belonging to Mannaji Rao
North by : Kilari Road
South by : Property belonging to Veeranna and Ramallappa

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE
P & SC NO 25044 OF 2018

BETWEEN:
1. Shri. Chakko Kovoor, S/o Mr. I.K. Nainan, Aged about 51 years, Resident at No. 43/1, Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore-560001.
2. Rev. Rajkumar Reuben Satyaraj, S/o, Mr. Krishnaswamy Paul Sathyaraj Aged about 69 years, Resident at No 86/87, Mosque Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore.

Represented herein by his SPA Holder, Mr. Chakko Kovoor, ... APPLICANTS
AND
NIL ...RESPONDENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the applicants have filed an application for grant of succession certificate for transfer of shares and mutual fund units standing in the name of late Gp. Capt. Jacob Chakko, morefully described under as Schedule Property into the name of the 1st and the 2nd applicant. Hence, this notice is issued inviting objections from the persons concerned having any claim over the below schedule property and the same to be filed before the Hon'ble Court on or before 16/06/22 at 11.00 a.m either in person or through authorized pleader and in case no objections is received, the Hon'ble Court shall proceed to pass suitable orders, thereon.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE MOVABLE PROPERTY, NAMELY.

1. 60 (sixty) Equity shares of MRF LIMITED (INE883A01011 MRF NSE) each of face value Rs. 10/- (Rupees ten only) held in NSDL Demat Account-Standard Chartered Securities (India) Limited [DP ID IN300360 Client Id 22622380) of Jacob Kayalath Chakko, each of Market value Rs. 63,005.30 (Rupees sixty three thousand, five and paise thirty only) as on 30 September 2017, and Total Market Value of Rs 37,80,318/- (Rupees thirty-seven lakh. eighty thousand, three hundred eighteen only)

2. 50,722.809 (fifty thousand seven hundred twenty-two point eight zero nine) mutual fund Units of LIC MF SAVING PLUS FUND - REGULAR GROWTH PLAN (INF767K01A0S) held in Folio No 50211205786 of LIC Mutual Fund Asset Management Limited, each of Net Asset Value of Rs 25.7317 (Rupees twenty-five point seven three one seven only) on 30 September 2017. and Total Market Value of 13,05,184.10 (Rupees thirteen lakh, five thousand, one hundred eighty-four and paise ten only).

Given under my hand on this the 04-03-22 day month and year written above
Place: Bangalore
Dated: 04-03-22
City Civil Court
Bangalore
Dhanvanth J Advocate.
No 18, 2nd Floor. Above ICICI ATM. Opposite St Pius Church, Kammanahalli Main Road Bangalore-84
-sd-
Asst Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client intend to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner **Sri.D.N.Ashok Kumar,** S/o Narasimha Reddy, residing at No.10, 5th Cross, 3rd Main Road, 3rd Block, 3rd Phase, 3rd Stage, Banashankari, Bengaluru-560 085. Any Person/s or Institution/s having any Claim/s or Objection/s in respect of the Schedule Property may file the same along with supporting documentary evidence with the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no claim/s or objection/s is / are received by the undersigned within 07 days as stated above, my client will proceed further as the property is free from all claim/s and objection/s.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing **Municipal No.4, Site No.12,** BBMP PID No: 55-546-4, old Khata No.13/1 of Ittumadu Village, **situated at 7th Main Road, Bhuvaneshwarinagara, Rangappa Badavane, Bengaluru, now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, measuring East to West: 30 Feet and North to South:40 Feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.Feet** is bounded on:

East by : Property No.11/A;
West by : Property No.13;
North by : Road;
South by : Private Property;

Sd/- **H.UMASHANKAR,** Advocate, No: 8, 80ft Road, Chandra Layout Bengaluru-40.

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IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BANGALORE
P & SC NO . 247/2022

BETWEEN :
Sri. K. N. HARISH & Another, S/o Late Nagappa Aged about 50 years, R/at #205, 5th A Main, 6th Cross, Hampi Nagar, RPC Layout, Vijaya nagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560048 ... APPLICANTS
AND
NIL RESPONDENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named Petitioners have made petition to this Court under Section 372 of Indian Succession Act for grant of Succession Certificate in Favour of Petitioner No.1 and for grant of such other reliefs in respect of the Schedule Mentioned below . The schedule mentioned 180 Number of shares were held by Late K. Nagappa, father of the Petitioners herein, expired on 14-05-2009. It is hereby called upon the interested parties, if any, are informed to appear in this Court in person or through pleader duly instructed on 7.7.22 at 11 AM to cause against the petitioners' claim, failing wherein the appearance, will be heard and determined in favour of petitioners.

SCHEDULE

Sl No.	No.of Shares	Description of Shares	Current Rate /Share in Rupees	Total Amount in Rupees
1	180	Reliance Industries Ltd	2400	4,32,000/-

Split up of 180 numbers of shares with share Certificate Number is given as below :

Certificate No.	Shares	Folio No
66801615	90	104026551
62530647	45	104026551
57823937	45	104026551

Given under my hand and Seal of the court, this 8th day of April 2022.

By Order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore

Advocate for Petitioner
Ganesh. R (KAR/1262/2015),
No.28/2, 5th Cross, Venkateswara Layout, SG Palya, Bangalore 560098, M: 9844566161

JODHPUR VIDYUT VITARAN NIGAM LIMITED
Corporate Identity Number (CIN) – U40109RJ2000SGC016483
Office of the Superintending Engineer (IT) IT Wing
Regd. Office : New Power House, Industrial Area, Jodhpur-342003, E-mail : seit.jdvvnl@rajasthan.gov.in

E - PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

E-procurement tenders are invited for "Implementation of Revenue Management System with MDM in Jodhpur Discom on OPEX (SAAS) Mode" against tender no. TN-IT-27. Details regarding work, Tender cost, Earnest money, Date of tender opening etc. are available at our website www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl & www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in. The bidders, in their own interest are requested to read very carefully the tender documents before submitting the bid only through on line on website www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in

(NIB No. JVV2223A0045) Superintending Engineer (IT)
For Electricity Complaints Toll free No. 1800 180 6045

OPPORTUNITIES

General

SBI
State Bank of India
Central Recruitment & Promotion Department
Corporate Centre, Mumbai
Phone: 022-22820427; Fax: 022-22820411

Recruitment of Specialist Cadre Officers on Contract Basis

Applications are invited from Indian citizens for the following post on contract basis:

Sr. No.	Post	Grade	Vacancy	Advertisement No.
1.	Chief Information Security Officer	Contractual	1	CRPD/SCO-CISO/ 2022-23/04

Eligibility criteria (age, qualification, experience etc.), requisite fees and other details are available under the respective detailed advertisement mentioned above on Bank's website **https://bank.sbi/web/careers** OR **https://www.sbi.co.in/web/careers** along with a link for online submission of application as well as online payment of application fee. Candidates are advised to go through the detailed advertisement so as to ensure their eligibility and other details before applying and remitting fees.

- **DATE FOR FILING ONLINE APPLICATION & PAYMENT OF FEES: 27.04.2022 TO 17.05.2022**

For any query, please write to us through link **"CONTACT US"** → **"Post Your Query"** which is available on Bank's website.

Place: Mumbai
Date: 27.04.2022
General Manager (RP&PM)

UJVN LIMITED
H.O.: "UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006,
Telephone.: 0135-2763508, 2763808 Fax- 0135- 2763507
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.uttarakhandjalvidyut.com

Ref. No.: 178 Dated : 02.05.2022

e-Tender Notice

The office of the Executive Engineer (M), UJVN Ltd. Chilla invites sealed tenders from interested firms following details.

Tender No. 06/EEM/2022-23

1. **Name of work:** Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of (2x50) HP Submersible Water Pumping System for Chilla Power House
2. **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 77,40,796.00 (GST extra)
3. **Date of availability of tender document:** 03-05-2022 at 16:00 Hrs
4. **Last Date of Receipt of tender:** 24-05-2022 at 16:00 Hrs

For fuller and further details kindly visit our website e-procurement Portal **uktenders.gov.in.** Executive Engineer (M)

"Avoid Wasteful use of Electricity"

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Due to unavoidable circumstances the date of submission and opening of NIT No.- NCB/16/EE(E&M)/MB-II/Barrage/2021-22: "Design, Manufacturing, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Trashrack panels & one no. Hydraulically Operated Movable Trash Rack Cleaning Machine (TRCM) to safely handle rake capacity of 2.0 Tonne as well as log grappler capacity of 2.0 Tonne including dismantling of existing Trash rack panels & TRCM at Joshiyara Barrage, Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand, India" is hereby extended as follows:-

Last Date/Time for receipt of bid in the portal- 04.05.2022 up to 16:00 Hrs.
Last Date of receipt of hard copy of bid- 07.05.2022 upto 11:00 Hrs.
Date of opening of bid on the website- 07.05.2022 at 11:30 Hrs.

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NMDC Limited, A "NAVARATNA" Public Sector Company under Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India, invites **online bids** from prospective bidders for the work of **"Installation of Conveyors for Lump Ore Connectivity and Drive Upgradation of Yard Conveyor No. 614 at Loading Plant on Lump Sum Turn Key (LSTK) basis for BIOM – Kirandul Complex Kirandul, Dantewada (CG)".**

The detailed NIT and Bid documents can be viewed and/or downloaded **from 04/05/2022 to 27/05/2022 from following website links:**

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Chief General Manager (Contracts)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and film trade in particular that one of Our Client is in the process of acquiring from (i) **M/s CHEERS MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT** having its place of business at Door No. XVI/98, Kacheripady, Cheranallur PO, Ernakulam, Kerala – 682034 and (ii) **Mr. CHIDAMBARAM SP**, and Indian inhabitant residing at TCV House, Annur PO, Payyannur, Kannur, Kerala – 670307, the remake rights (**"Remake Rights"**) of the Malayalam language film titled **"JAN-E-MAN"**, written and directed by Chidambaram S Poduval, and released on 19th November 2021 (hereinafter referred to as the **"Original Film"**), in Hindi and all other Indian languages ***save and except*** Malayalam (**"Authorized Languages"**).

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QuoteExpress **IF YOU'RE GOING THROUGH HELL, KEEP GOING**) WINSTON CHURCHILL

The State Government has set aside `50 crore to combat elephant menace in Sakleshpur, Alur and parts of Belur taluks in Hassan district, said minister Gopalaiah. He said that the government will address the problems of coffee growers and people living in the Malnad region

Union Home Minister Amit Shah pays tributes to Lord Basavanna on the occasion of Basava Jayanti in Bengaluru on Tuesday. (Right) Folk artistes perform on the occasion | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

No hint from Shah on Cabinet revamp

Action shifts back to Delhi; Union Home Minister likely to hold another round of talks with Santhosh, Nadda, others

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Bengaluru concluded on Tuesday evening with no concrete outcome on the cabinet rejig. The action now seems to have shifted back to the national capital again. Shah had a brief meeting with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and other leaders over lunch at the chief minister's residence, but the scheduled BJP core committee meeting was called off.

Now the buzz is that Shah is likely to make an announcement on any changes in the Bommai government in New Delhi after one more round of talks with national party president JP Nadda, national general secretary (organisation) BL Santhosh, Union minister Pralhad Joshi and party national general secretary, Karnataka in-charge, Arun Singh. In fact, Shah held talks with them on Monday evening before leaving for Karnataka.

Former chief minister BS Yediyurappa hinted that the expansion is likely in two-three days. "There was no buzz about the change in leadership (read chief minister's post). But I learned that Shah might have come with a decision and the expansion is certain," he remarked.

State party president Nalin Kumar Kateel, in an apparent attempt to nullify the speculation about leadership change, clarified that the party will go to the polls in 2023 under the leadership of Bommai and guidance of Yeddyurappa. "If anybody has any illusion about leadership change, they better give it up," he said.

On Monday evening, Bommai held talks with Yediyurappa for about 20 minutes at the latter's residence.

"People like Bommai. As the common man's chief minister, he has been working for the poor and farmers under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. There is no answer for the hypothetical question you have asked," Arun Singh told reporters when asked about the leadership change.

Revenue Minister R Ashoka said nobody should dream about leadership change. "If Shah comes to Karnataka, it means the victory is ours even if Congress does somersaults," he remarked.

Ahead of Shah's visit, Santhosh' remarks about BJP's strength in changing leadership had created ripples in political circles.

Devpt my mantra, allegations against govt baseless: CM

RAMU PATIL @Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai seems to be going full-throttle in implementing programmes announced in the budget amid a flurry of allegations against his government and speculations over leadership change.

The Government Orders (GOs) have been issued for implementation of over 80 per cent of programmes announced in the budget and the remaining will be done soon, Bommai told TNIE. Sending a clear message to officials that he means business and development works should start earnestly, Bommai said his focus will be on ensuring that works are completed in a time-bound manner and services delivered at the doorsteps of people.

Opposition's game plan is to divert attention from development to controversies. I am determined to pursue a development agenda

Basavaraj Bommai, CM

Once the GOs are issued, the departments concerned can go ahead with implementation. The government can question the departments if there are delays. The CM is holding a meeting with the deputy commissioners and zilla panchayats chief executive officers next week to tell them about the intent of the government on giving priority to the projects. "The Opposition's game plan is to divert attention from development to controversies. I am determined to pursue a development agenda, which is important for people," he said, adding, "I have seen enough of those strategies in my political life." The Bommai government has come under fire from the opposition on many issues, including alleged irregularities in Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) recruitment and contractors association's allegations of "40 per cent commission" to get the money released.

Terming the allegations against his government as "baseless" and "politically motivated", Bommai said the Opposition is trying to raise a lot of unproductive issues. "The Opposition has failed as they are not bothered about peoples' problems or development. But, I will never forget my duty. In one year, I want to show that we are putting a very strong foundation for a new Karnataka with inclusive growth," he asserted.

Bommai has been travelling extensively to start various works across Karnataka. In April, he travelled 23,587 km, including his visits to New Delhi during the first and the last week of April. "I always tell people that we do the work and come with a report card to seek votes," the CM said. BJP sources said the central leadership is said to have instructed the CM to focus on development works as well implementation government programmes.

'India, like US, Israel, won't stay mum on border issues'

ENS @ Bengaluru

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday claimed that India had joined the likes of the United States and Israel in hitting back at those tampering with their borders.

Speaking after inaugurating Nrupatunga University, Shah also highlighted the importance of the Union Government's decision of abrogating Article 370 and the surgical strike following the Pulwama attack. "Before 2014, you all know what the response of the Centre was towards Pakistan-sponsored terrorists... they merely issued statements. After Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister, terrorist attacks took place in Uri in 2016 and Pulwama in 2019... we carried out surgical and air strikes within 10 days inside Pakistan," Shah said.

"Some people question how it (surgical and air strike) had any effect. I want to tell them it has had a huge impact. The entire world knows that one can meddle with India's border... otherwise a befitting reply will be given," Shah added. He said that earlier only two nations — the US and Israel — used to retaliate when some other country meddled with their borders. "Now, India has joined the league," he added. "August. 5, 2019 will be written in India's history in golden letters. Modi has connected Kashmir with India forever by removing Article 370," he said.

Shah also congratulated the Bommai-led BJP government in Karnataka after it was the first state in the country to implement the new National Education Policy (NEP) by setting up a task force. "The goal has also been set for India's responsibility to guide the world as Vishwaguru by the time it commemorates the centenary year of Independence by becoming knowledge super power. In the new education policy, emphasis is given for the fundamental basis of education that should be in the local language," he said.

Yatnal hints at change in leadership in K'taka by May 10

VIJAYAPURA: On a day when Union Home Minister Amit Shah was in Karnataka amid buzz over possible changes in the state leadership, Vijayapura City MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal sparked yet another controversy by saying that change of guard and Cabinet expansion were likely to happen by May 10. He said the party high command will take a final call on the new CM soon after the return of PM Narendra Modi from his three-nation Europe tour. "BJP central leaders are likely to take a call in this regard owing to recent political developments in Karnataka," he said. "The PM will return to the country in two days. He will take a final call on the change in leadership and it is for the welfare of the state. The high command has already received a report on the political developments in the state. It has also chaired a high-power committee meeting to discuss the future of the State Government," he claimed.

Ministerial probables make a beeline for CM's *bada khana*

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

After BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) BL Santhosh's remark on "big change", there has been an undisguised rush from BJP legislators to make it to the cabinet when it is reshuffled, which is possibly the last one before the Assembly elections next year. From senior MLAs, like Thippanna, to the 'controversial' political secretary to the chief minister MP Renukacharya, the number of legislators seeking inclusion is large.

Former CM BS Yediyurappa's statement that there will be a cabinet expansion soon only added to the excitement. So when Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who was in Bengaluru, attended the luncheon at CM Basavaraj Bommai's official residence, it was time to put up a show by these ministerial probables. Every one of these legislators wanted photographs and selfies with Shah.

The who's who in the state, including Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, former Union minister Sadananda Gowda, former CM Yediyurappa and Jagadish Shettar, party state chief Nalin Kateel and Ramesh Jarkiholi, who resigned and is seeking to make a comeback, were present. If the cabinet expansion happens, those who were pushed to the sidelines want to make it into the ministry. They were ignored to accommodate the 17 legislators from Congress and JDS who helped BJP form the government in 2018.

Political observers pointed out that since the luncheon happened at Bommai's residence, there will be no leadership change. But there could be a major reshuffle as it could be read from Santhosh's statement. Bommai might follow, with modifications, in the footsteps of Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami and Gujarat CM Bhupinder Patel, who were allowed to completely overhaul their ministries.

Jarkiholi involved in ₹600cr scam: Congress

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

KPCC spokesperson M Lakshman on Tuesday alleged that BJP MLA and former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi is involved in a Rs 600 crore scam. Showing documents to the media, he alleged that Jarkiholi, who runs Soubhagyalakshmi Sugars Ltd, raised Rs 366 crore loans from 15 apex banks, Rs 20 crore each from Union Bank and Hariyan Cooperative Society.

"He had not repaid a single paisa of the loans, and in April 2017, the company was declared a non-performing asset (NPA). A notice was issued to seize the company's property, but Jarkiholi approached the Dharwad court to bring in a stay. The court instructed him to pay 50 per cent of the loan amount within six weeks, while passing an interim order in 2019," he said.

Though apex bank president and BJP leader Belli Prakash wrote to the Belagavi deputy commissioner to seize the property of Soubhagyalaxmi Sugars, no action was taken, Lakshman alleged.

The Hariyan Cooperative Society, run by Abhinandan Patil — a close confidant of Jarkiholi, approached the National Company Law tribunal (NCLT) and got an insolvency resolution process (IRC) order to get the company auctioned.

"The company, which owns over 1,000 acres of land, has undervalued the property, while it is worth over Rs 850 crore. This is a systematic scam of Rs 610 crore. Jarkiholi is a willful defaulter, but still no action has been taken against him," he added. Congress will sensitise people by holding press meets and protests across all districts to spread awareness on corrupt practices of BJP leaders.

BASAVARAJ HORATTI MEETS SHAH, TO JOIN BJP SOON

PRAMODKUMAR VAIDYA @ Hubballi

SPECULATION over senior JDS leader Basavaraj Horatti joining the BJP ended after he met Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Bengaluru on Tuesday. An influential Lingayat leader approaching the top BJP leader on Basava Jayanti holds more prominence as the saffron party wants to further consolidate its position among the Lingayats. Horatti's hobnobbing with the BJP was no secret as he had himself announced last month that he would contest the upcoming MLC polls from West Teachers' constituency on a BJP ticket, and would join the saffron party once the poll schedule was announced.

"I met the Home Minister, who said that he knew about my over four-decade track record as legislator and welcomed me to join the BJP. He said me joining the BJP will mean a lot for the party," Horatti told *TNIE*. "I will resign as Legislative Council chairman on May 11 and later join the party on a day fixed by the leadership, '' he added.

Basavaraj Horatti greets Home Minister Amit Shah in Bengaluru on Tuesday

The exit of Horatti, a prominent Lingayat face of North Karnataka, is a big loss to the JDS. He is the second leader deserting the party in a span of six months as former MLA N H Konaraddi joined the Congress last December. Horatti, however, said he has high regard for JDS supremo and former PM HD Deve Gowda. He said he was joining the BJP due to changed circumstances and voters' response. In March this year, the BJP's Central Election Committee did not name a candidate for the West Teachers' constituency.

Though there is dissent within BJP in fielding Horatti, the seven-time MLC reiterated that he will be contesting on a BJP ticket. "Him in the fray will make it easy for the BJP to win... he is certainly an asset to the party," a senior BJP leader told *TNIE*.

'NATGRID to link data sources'

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THE government has entrusted the task of developing and operating a state-of-the-art and innovative information technology platform for accessing information from the data collection organizations to NATGRID.

The Minister expressed hope that NATGRID will fulfil the responsibility of linking various sources of data. Shah said for quick and effective analysis, information should not be kept in silos, as it does not result in the analysis of information and getting it properly done in time.

Invigilator 'helps' son in exam

TUMAKURU: Amid allegations of malpractice in the PSI CET, a teacher was accused of helping her son in the Central government's Navodaya School entrance test at Tiptur, the home town of Primary Education Minister BC Nagesh. Following complaints from parents of other kids who wrote the exam, DC YS Patil has ordered a probe to be conducted by the Deputy Director of Public Instruction as the teacher was the invigilator of the exam hall where her son wrote the test for admission to Class VI in the Central government-run boarding school on Saturday. Padmavathi, the student's mother, was the invigilator at the centre set up at Government Girls High school where his grandfather Channe Gowda was the examination chief. His father Umesh Gowda was the examination chief at the centre at Government Boys' High School in the vicinity. The principal of Navodaya School, Tumakuru, Beena, clarified that the relatives of the children who wrote the test cannot work at the centres as they should give the undertaking letters to that effect. "If the accused teacher was the invigilator of the examination centre where her son wrote the entrance test it is an offense," she said.

Father-son duo in net, paid ₹50L to clear PSI CET

RAMKRISHNA BADSESHI @ Kalaburagi

THE Criminal Investigation Department (CID), which is probing the PSI CET scam, has widened the scope of investigation to MSI Degree College Center in the city after prime accused RD Patil named the trio during interrogation.

Prabhu, a candidate, was arrested along with his father Sharanappa, and auditor Chandrakant Kulkarni. Kulkarni was nabbed late on Monday evening, while the father son duo were arrested on Tuesday.

Patil had helped Prabhu at the insistence of Kulkarni.

The accused Prabhu shows police the place where he had hid the Bluetooth device

Patil had received Rs 50 lakh in two instalments for helping Prabhu pass the exams held on October 3 last year. Sharanappa had sold his land to arrange the money.

Interestingly, a total eight candidates who wrote PSI CET at MSI Degree Center cleared the exam. The investigators have decided to verify the documents of all these candidates.

The Criminal Investigation Department team led by SP Raghavendra Hegde, including DySPs Shankar Gowda Patil and Prakash Rathod which probed the malpractice at Jnana Jyoti English Medium Schol Exam Center is also probing the allegation of malpractice at MSI Degree College Center. In all, 26 including eight candidates have been arrested in the case so far.

Accused reveals his modus operandi

Prabhu, who was arrested on Tuesday by CID sleuths, revealed during a spot inspection at the MSI Degree College Exam Centre that on October 2, he took the Bluetooth device with him and hid it in a safe place. On the day of the exam, he used it, and showed police where he had hidden the device and the place where he wrote the exam.

TWO MORE HELD

BENGALURU: CID officials, probing the PSI scam have detained two more suspects including staff working at the police department. However, the investigation officials refused to share the details after a minister intervened in the probe on Monday. Meanwhile, a text message on social media has gone viral. One of the accused Mamatesh had written in an A4 sheet and that some of the PSI aspirants have given money to senior officials in police department. A total of Rs 60 lakh from nine aspir-ants was received by the offic-ials, it was mentioned in the message.

A teacher of a private tuition centre has been arrested for allegedly abusing a student, under POCSO Act in Kozhikode. The arrested is Parollathil Babu, 56, a native of Vellur, Kodenchery.

Cops probe find no suicide; victims choked in sleep

The family members who died in freak mishap on April 8 in Mariyammanahalli of Vijayanagara district | EXPRESS

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THE police investigation into the death of four family members in Vijayanagara district, which took place on April 8, has found that the victims died in their sleep due to inhaling of carbon monoxide.

The incident was reported at Mariyammanahalli village on April 8 and the police were investigating from all angles. There were also rumours that the act could have been suicide pact. But the police investigation has now proved that it was a tragic accident.

As per the report from the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL), fire broke out in the AC unit following a blast in the UPS leading to release of carbon monoxide through the air conditioner. The police said that as the family members were in deep sleep, they could have died before they could get to know or seek help.

Deceased Venkat Prashant (42), his wife Chandrakala (38), son Advik (16) and daughter Prerana (8) had come to their native village Mariyammanahalli to celebrate the annual temple festival. After the tragedy, the fair in the village was called off. SP Arun K said that the tragedy occurred due to electric power fluctuation. "The UPS of the air-conditioner which is located on the ground floor caught fire following a burst. The victims were in deep sleep on the 1st floor of the house. Suddenly along with the fire and smoke, carbon monoxide from the AC leaked into the room," the officer said. "It's the worst tragedy. An entire family was wiped out in the mishap. They had come to celebrate the festival but they never woke up on that day," said a relative.

CUTTING COST

TSRTC feels the pinch, buys fuel from Karnataka

Diesel prices in Telangana ₹6 higher

P KRISHNA @Sangareddy

IN a huge loss to the State's exchequer, the cash-strapped Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) has been purchasing diesel from neighbouring Karnataka where its price is ₹10 less per litre as compared to the price in Telangana.

Interestingly, the news of TSRTC buying diesel from Karnataka came to light when a private diesel tanker coming from Bidar to Narayankhed was intercepted by police at Manuru on Tuesday. The police thought that the diesel was being transported illegally from Karnataka.

However, Narayankhed depot Field Manager Dhanraj and other TSRTC officials went to the police and explained that they were purchasing diesel from Bidar, following which the police released the tanker.

Sources in the TSRTC said that Sangareddy and Zaheerabad RTC depots too were planning to purchase diesel from Bidar. The diesel price on Tuesday in Bidar was ₹95 per litre while in Naryankhed it was ₹105 per litre. However, it is not clear how many depots of TSRTC were purchasing diesel from other States. The distance between Bidar to Narayankhed is 53.4 km. The distance between Bidar and Sangareddy is 87.6 km and the distance between Bidar to Zaheerabad is 31. So, RTC officials depend on the petrol bunks in Bidar.

'Nothing illegal'

Meanwhile, a senior official from TSRTC on condition of anonymity justified the action stating there was nothing illegal in procuring diesel from other States. "Currently the bulk purchasing prices are very high so we began buying from retail outlets. Even then the price difference between petrol in Telangana retail and Karnataka retail is nearly ₹6, which makes up for a huge difference for bulk consumers like RTC. We have been allowed by the top management to procure diesel from Karnataka for the buses that ply in neighbouring depots."

The official further stated that the tanker was not seized and just checked.

Year after O_2 tragedy in Ch'nagar, kin of 12 victims yet to get relief

K SHIVKUMAR @Mysuru

A year after the oxygen tragedy that killed 36 patients at the Chamarajanagar District Hospital that drew the attention of the nation, the victims are still running from pillar to post seeking justice. This has put the affected families into a deep financial crisis and they have nothing to fall back on to make their ends meet.

Of the 36 families that lost their family members, 12 have not got any compensation from the government, though they have knocked on the doors of netas and babus for relief and even a temporary job to feed their families. As the government came under criticism over the tragedy, it appointed the Legal Services Authority Committee headed by High Court Judge N Venu Gopal to probe deaths and the panel submitted a report to the high court. The government paid compensation to 24 families and denied it to the rest, saying the victims were not Covid infected and had comorbidities.

These families are disputing the government's claim and are seeking a compensation of Rs 5 lakh, a temporary job and free education to children. A few appeared before the Justice BA Patil Commission, which conducted a public hearing over the Chamarajanagar tragedy in Mysuru and heard grievances of the people. They had pointed fingers at then Deputy Commissioner MR Ravi, Mysuru DC Rohini Sindhuri, the Medical College Dean, the DHO and the District Surgeon for the tragedy.

BJP Raitha Morcha member Mallesh, who met the Patil commission, alleged that the civil servants' adamant attitude led to the tragedy.

Siddarajamma, a mother of two children, who lost her husband, is pleading for a temporary job. She said they are not paid the compensation as the government said he did not have Covid. "Why are they denying us justice when my husband died gasping for oxygen at midnight," she asked. She said the government that assured relief and justice has betrayed her family.

Jyothi of Bisalavadi said her family too did not got relief from the government as officials declared her husband Covid negative. "Why did they admit and put him on a ventilator when he was not Covid-positive? We are thankful to JSS Seer Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji for giving free education to our two children," she said.

Chamarajanagar MLA Puttaranga Shetty charged the government with failing to pay relief to the kin of the dead. Over a dozen families have been denied compensation, he added.

He urged the government to make the commission report public and to act against the Health Minister, the DCs and others if they are found guilty. "I have also demanded compensation on many occasions, but in vain," he said.

HONOUR FOR PUNEETH

Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar receives Basavashree award presented to her husband posthumosly for 2021, from Murugha Mutt seer Dr Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru at Chitradurga on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Cops get Interpol's help to trace Kerala actor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

TO mount pressure on actor Vijay Babu to surrender in connection with the rape case registered against him, the Kochi city police have sought the Interpol's help to locate him in the UAE or in any other country where he is suspected to be hiding.

Kochi City Police Commissioner C H Nagaraju said, "The procedures for issuing the Interpol Blue Corner notice were completed on Tuesday night itself."

The police move was aimed at initiating further legal procedures to declare him an 'absconder' and also attach his assets and properties.

Police officers said the Blue Corner notice would help the police seek the support of Interpol in locating a person who is abroad.

The police have already taken legal advice in proceeding against Babu, who has cleverly evaded them since the rape case was registered against him on April 22 based on the complaint lodged by the young actor.

Police officials said Babu, by responding to the email notice sent by them, had cleverly availed a window period to avoid appearing before them till the outcome of his anticipatory bail plea filed before the Kerala High Court which has scheduled to take it up after the summer vacation on May 18.

Babu had responded to the email notice, summoning him to appear for interrogation, stating that he was on a business tour and would appear on May 19.

Police officials said once the Interpol locates him, a police team could either go to the spot to arrest him or seek the support of the Indian Embassy to extradite him.

The police have also decided to act fast in securing a court order to declare his passport invalid to enable the Indian diplomatic missions to seek support of enforcement agencies in the respective country to detain him when he tries to travel outside that country.

Skin irregularities must be evaluated

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THERE are two kinds of UV radiation: UV-A and UV-B, which contribute to skin damage, ageing and skin cancer. UV-B is high when the index reads 'extreme' which becomes the major cause of sunburn, cancer and cataracts too.

"Though cataracts are caused due to normal ageing process, overexposure to UV rays too can lead to cataract formations earlier than normal. In Andhra Pradesh and border areas, every second or third person has cataract at the age of 50 itself," said Dr K Bhujang Shetty, Chairman, Narayana Nethrayalaya. UV-protected eyeglasses will help avoid this, he added.

Dr Narayana said any new skin irregularities, like spots, roughness or discoloration, need to be evaluated.

On the timing and damages it can cause, Dr Abhiram R, Consultant Dermatologist, Vasavi Hospital, said, "UV-A and UV-B peak between 11.30 am to 1.30 pm and it is the highest between March and October. Short-term damage to the skin can be sunburn and suntan. This can later change to pigmentation. Long-term causes can be photo-ageing and photocarcinogen, leading to risks of skin cancer,"

He said that as physical protection, people can use umbrellas, eyeshades, brim hats etc. Also, sunscreens with SPF 30 to 50 are advised. One should apply sunscreen 20-30 minutes before going into the sun, and keep applying it once every two to three hours.

'5-yr-old, kidnapper may have travelled to Nellore'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Tirumala

VILLAGE volunteers and Mahila Police at a few villages in Kadapa and Nellore districts have joined the police in their search to trace the five-year-old boy who was kidnapped from Gollamandapam in front of Srivari temple on Sunday evening. The boy, identified as C Govardhan Royal alias Chintu, was abducted by an unidentified woman - clad in pink churidhar and a tonsured head - when his mother was busy with work.

Chintu's family came to Tirumala from Tiruchanoor on Saturday. His father, C Venkaratamana works at a hotel while his mother, Swathi, made an income by putting 'Tirunamam' (Govinda Namalu) on the devotees' foreheads at Srivari temple. The police tracked the woman's movement through CCTV cameras installed at Tirumala and Tirupati. She was last spotted in Tirupati railway station at 4:30 am on Monday.

The kidnapper was also seen at one of the three ticket counters at the railway station. One woman employee at the counter identified the accused but told police she could not see the boy. While she could not recollect the destination of the ticket the unidentified woman purchased, the employee told police the woman gave her ₹500 and she returned over ₹300 in change.

Depending on the ticket fare, the police now suspect that the kidnapper might have travelled to either Nellore or Yeerakuntla.

Bodies of driver, woman found on Hyd outskirts

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THE unclothed bodies of a car driver Y Yaswanth and a woman, with whom he was in an alleged relationship, were found at Kothagudem of Abdullapurmet police limits under Rachakonda commissionerate on the city outskirts on Tuesday. Police suspect the victims were killed and their bodies were dumped at the spot. A scooter found on the spot and a handbag helped police identify the victims. The woman was married and her affair with Yashwanth is suspected to be the motive behind the murder.

K Purushotham Reddy, ACP Vanasthalipuram said: "We have found some clues and are working on them. Prima facie it appears to be the handiwork of someone who knew the victims quite well. The victims were hit with boulders and stabbed with some blunt object."

Police say that they are yet to quiz the woman's family members. On Tuesday afternoon, locals noticed a foul smell from an isolated area under a culvert and later found the two bodies in a decomposed condition. Police were immediately alerted. They found a scooter at the spot and traced its owner using the vehicle registration number. The owner, identified as Anirudh, informed police that his elder brother Yashwanth (22) had taken his vehicle on Sunday evening and did not return home.

Former Sri Lanka captain Arjuna Ranatunga (C) being presented with a book titled 'India's Sporting Victories from 1936 through the pages of The New Indian Express' at the Karnataka Olympic Bhavan on Tuesday. Karnataka Olympic Association president K Govindaraj (L) visited the centre whose walls are adorned with frames of TNIE's coverage of various sporting events across the world | VINOD KUMAR T

EXPRESS READ

Gram panchayat member dies of KFD

SHIVAMOGGA: Kyasanuru Forest Disease (KFD) has claimed the life of a gram panchayat member of Aralagodu village in Sagar taluk on Tuesday afternoon. The deceased has been identified as Ramaswamy Karumane (55). According to sources, Ramaswamy was down with fever on April 24 and was admitted to Sagar hospital. On April 26, he was taken to Manipal Hospital for further treatment but died on Tuesday afternoon.

Cop commits suicide in Kochi

KOCHI: A police officer was found hanging inside his house at Panambukadu in the city in the early hours of Monday. T M Radhakrishnan, 51, a civil police officer with Ambalamedu police station, is the deceased. A preliminary investigation revealed that he took the extreme step due to family issues. He was found dead around 3 am on Monday. He is survived by wife Nisha, sons Arjun Krishna and Madhav Krishna.

SAVING LIFE

Insulated power cables at Kokkare Bellur to stop bird electrocution

B K LAKSHMIKANTHA @ Mysuru

A few days ago, a painted stork was electrocuted after coming in contact with a power line near Kokkare Bellur Community Reserve in Maddur taluk. Considering the incident seriously, the forest department has decided to take up erecting insulated cables to electric poles to prevent electrocution of migratory birds.

The electrocution happened around 25 days back at Chunchagahalli village on the banks of Shimsha River near Kokkare Bellur. The bird while flying touched the live wire from the electric pole and died. The villagers brought the incident to the notice of the forest department and demanded action to prevent further deaths of the migratory birds. Mysuru Wildlife Division DCF V Karikalan told TNIE that the electrocution incident happened around 25 days ago.

"We immediately wrote a letter to the CESC to install insulated cables to prevent such incidents. The power company had requested us to bear the cost of the work which we have agreed to. It will cost around Rs 3 lakh for installing cables for around 100 metres," he said.

Karikalan said that the insulated cables will be erected in places where there is bird movement and near trees. "We are doing letter correspondence and will take up the work soon before the arrival of migratory birds to Kokkare Bellur. The CESC authorities had installed insulated cables and we want cables to be installed in remaining places where there is threat for birds," he said. In 2014, on the request by Mandya tourism department, the CESC authorities had replaced the Aluminum Conductor Steel-Reinforced (ACSR) cable to Aerial Bunched Cable (ABC) to prevent electrocution of migratory birds. The engineers of the CESC Maddur sub division conducted a survey and installed 2.72 km of ABC cable to HT line to avoid the danger for flying and landing birds near the sanctuary at a cost of Rs 49 lakh. Meanwhile, the number of migratory birds visiting the community reserve has decreased drastically over the years. Head of the Kokkare Bellur Pelican Conservation Group B Linge Gowda told TNIE the spot-billed pelican number has drastically reduced over the years in the reserve. "Usually there used to be around 300 to 400 nests of pelicans in this time, but this year till date there are below 100 nests. In three years we have seen around 200 pelican deaths and this year already seven pelicans have died,"

EDITORIAL

"Do you think this is your world, your body? If you tell it 'don't get old', does the body listen? Does your stomach ask permission to get sick?" — Ajahn Chah

INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.
— Ramnath Goenka

QUICK FIX REQUIRED TO ADDRESS POWER, COAL SHORTAGE

There is a sudden and acute shortage of power gripping the country this summer. Many cities and states, especially in north-west and central India, are reporting frequent electricity breakdowns as they struggle to meet high demand. Many factors are contributing to the crisis. As Covid has receded, economic activity has resumed and is back in full swing, but the electricity distribution companies are not able to meet the demand. The intense heat wave has only added to the woes with India suffering the hottest April in 122 years. Demand for power has thus spiked 9% last month; and in May it is expected to increase another 10%, as summer intensifies.

One of the major reasons for electricity generation not keeping pace with demand is the acute shortage of coal. Stocks are critically low in 108 of the 173 thermal power plants. Coal still accounts for nearly 75% of India's power output. India's biggest coal suppliers, Coal India and Singareni Collieries, have been producing 5% more than they did this time in 2021, but this is still not meeting plant demand. The Railways has had to cancel more than 650 passenger trains till the end of May to clear the tracks for coal cargo to be rushed to power plants.

The problem needs to be addressed quickly. Not only has normal life been disrupted with outages, industrial production too is being affected. In the near-term, the crisis could have been avoided by importing coal. However, cash-strapped power companies, hit by Covid losses, dragged their feet, and have been avoiding coal imports at prices that have gone up dramatically since the Ukraine war. The Union government is now rushing to clear bottlenecks. An attempt is also being made to restart many non-operational power plants. There is also a serious financial problem: state-owned power distribution companies, forced to sell electricity at a loss, are not able to pay their bills to power generation companies, which in turn cannot make timely purchases of coal. In the longer-run, diversification of power generation away from fossil fuels like coal is the answer. But little has been done to develop optimum, alternative sources like wind and solar.

NEW CENTRE-TN FACEOFF, NOW OVER MED PLEDGE

The raging controversy over the 'Charak Shapath' in Tamil Nadu has opened up a new conflict zone with New Delhi. The DMK government, which has been vocal against the Centre's imposition of Hindi and Sanskrit, as well as introduction of NEET and the New Education Policy, has not taken the break from the tradition lightly. The dean of the Government Madurai Medical College was summarily removed from his post after MBBS freshers discarded the conventional Hippocratic oath and took the new one in the presence of two TN ministers.

The controversy has been brewing ever since the National Medical Commission (NMC), which replaced the erstwhile Medical Council of India, suggested to medical colleges in February that the age-old Hippocratic Oath should be replaced by a 'Charak Shapath', in honour of Ayurveda proponent Maharshi Charaka. This also fed into the nationalist sentiments currently thriving in India. On its part, the TN government believes the Charak oath is patriarchal, chauvinistic, misogynist and regressive. One of the passages from the oath says doctors will do a medical exam of a woman only in the presence of a male family member. The government also questions the NMC's authority to change the long-held tradition of administering the Hippocratic oath when the government medical colleges function under the state government's Directorate of Medical Services (DME).

The Tamil Nadu Government Doctors Association (TNGDA), which had earlier raised objections against the new oath, has now urged the state to reinstate the dean, claiming that neither Delhi nor TN had insisted on or objected to the administration of the Charak oath. The Indian Medical Association (IMA), which had expressed strong disapproval against the proposal, says Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya had assured them that the new pledge would not be mandatory. But the fact is that a modified version of the Sanskrit vow was made available for usage in colleges. With the DME's fresh circular directing all medical colleges in TN to strictly administer the Hippocratic oath, the stand-off is likely to continue.

After the violence on Ram Navami and amid the current cycle of Hindu-Muslim unrest, questions are being asked again about the best way to improve inter-communal ties

HINDU-MUSLIM RELATIONS IN INDIA: THE WAY FORWARD

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

A tiny item in a national daily should set us thinking about how a deadly conflagration was avoided in the sacred city of Ayodhya, the birthplace of Sri Rama. Torn pages of a holy book and objectionable items were found scattered outside a place of worship—this is euphemism for the old template of inciting a riot by the desecration of the *Koran* and the strewing of pig carcasses or body parts outside a mosque.

Luckily, in this case, the local Muslim community was neither deceived nor incited. They reported the matter to the police, who apprehended the miscreants. The provocations removed, the ground cleansed, a riot was averted and peace restored. But it could easily have gone the other way, as the current cycle of Hindu-Muslim unrest and violence on Ram Navami last month shows.

Once again, questions are being asked as to what might be the best way to secure good inter-communal relations. Almost everyone, except the most brutally calculating, cynical, and sinister, will agree that social and religious harmony are essential to a peaceful and prosperous India. But we must not dismiss the latter band of small but possibly determined detractors. For they can hold the rest of the republic to ransom. It is to them that this column is mainly addressed.

Let us, as they say, give these "devils" their due. A constant and simmering hatred between communities, some coldly scheming detractors believe, is actually good for the Hindus. Why? Because they will be able to put the Muslims in their place. How? Keep the tension, distrust and hatred bubbling below the surface. Raise the heat, when needed, to boiling or exploding point. To settle scores, regain turf, remove anti-socials and teach the other side a lesson. The supremacy of the majority thus reasserted may be harnessed for votes whenever required.

Not surprisingly, the enemies of the nation from the other, so-called minority side, collude with the advocates of the brutal or brutish majority thesis. It serves their cause well to foment ill-will between Hindus and Muslims. According to them, Hindus are neither peaceful nor accommodating—this is proved over and over again by the riots. The result? The further alienation of Indian Muslims.

If there is anything that Muslims cannot stand, as per this argument, it is injustice, *zulm*. As victims of Hindu *zulm*, they will reunite and fight back. The disgruntled and unemployed youth among the urban Muslim underclass will be a fertile breeding ground for hired hooligans, stone pelters and rioters. Violence will be met by violence. *Eenth ka javab pathar se diya jayega*—the response to a brick hurled at us will be with a stone struck back even harder.

The nefarious plan is to engineer a hundred *intifadas* in India, a hundred battlegrounds with Valley-style stone pelters. India will be marked as anti-Islamic in the Muslim world and criticised for human rights violations in the West. We will weaken India from inside, while our partners from across the borders will attack it, whenever possible or necessary, from the outside. In the end, we will achieve what we want, "*Bharat tere tukde honge, Inshallah, Inshallah*"—India will be broken into pieces, God willing, God willing.

Let us say instead, God forbid, God forbid! This should be the united response of all right-thinking citizens, whether Hindu or Muslim. We must, on both sides, shun extreme mistrust and hatred. We should eschew calls to action based on notions such as "All Muslims are fanatical and anti-Hindu; their religion teaches them to hate *kafirs* or non-believers. There can be no peace with them." Really, you might counter, what, then, of the nearly 200 million Muslims in India? Send them to Pakistan, these Hindu intolerants retort, although they know full well that this is an impossibility.

If appeasement weakened the Hindu cause, then antagonism will not automatically strengthen it. Neither appeasement nor aggression, but the equal treatment of all citizens, regardless of their religion, caste, community, language or region, is the way ahead

SOUMYADIP SINHA

What they possibly mean is that Muslims should subsist as second-class citizens in India, constantly having to show their loyalty and obedience to the majority, rather than to the nation. This is not only demoralising and humiliating, but unlikely to lead to national unity. Instead, an alienated minority, encouraged by enemies of the nation, will be incentivised to harbour or support all kinds of anti-India elements and causes. Encroaching on public land or cattle-running would be relatively minor problems compared to bigger threat to the nation. The electoral dividend in terms of the consolidation of Hindu votes cannot offset or compensate for the resultant fracture in the body politic.

At the same time, it should be clear to Indian Muslims that the burden of harmony and peace cannot be solely on Hindus. Instead of marking out no-go zones in Muslim "ghettos" where a Sharia-compliant minority is ruled by the dictates of fanatics, why shouldn't Mullas and minority politicians initiate peace and trust-building measures? In addition to Hindus hosting and participating in Iftar parties, why shouldn't Muslims host Ram Navami or Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations?

Where Hindu processions are "banned", why shouldn't they be welcomed instead? Why shouldn't Hindu leaders give advance notice to their Muslim counterparts about intended Shobha yatras or processions? Why shouldn't the former welcome the latter with rose petals and *firni* or *sevayan*, rice pudding and *kheer*, especially on Eid? This may sound idealistic, but it was done in the past. Just as there are SOPs to engineer riots, there are also tried and tested measures to prevent them.

If appeasement weakened the Hindu cause, then antagonism will not automatically strengthen it. The antidote to appeasement is not aggression. Aggression rarely has the intended outcome. Instead, it usually spirals out of control, backfiring or turning monstrous—as history has shown us again and again. Neither appeasement nor aggression, but the equal treatment of all citizens, regardless of their religion, caste, community, language or region, is the way forward. Enshrined in our Constitution, it is this ideal that is the best safeguard of our democracy. It is our duty to restore it.

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STATUE OF A VISIONARY IN THE KERALA CAPITAL

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A COUNTRY OF MANY GODS

My childhood memories are linked to the city of Thiruvananthapuram as I did my schooling there. Then it was a much greener city and less crowded with only a few Ambassador cars for the ministers and government officials. The green-and-white KSRTC city buses were the only other modes of transport. I am talking about the 70s Trivandrum when the city was dominated by its middle class population that worked in the government offices, nationalised banks, and a few industries like Titanium and Keltron.

The scene at 5 pm in the evening at Statue Junction still gives me nostalgic nightmares. From Spencer Junction near University College till Pulimood, people would be waiting to catch the city buses, vigilantly looking towards the direction of East Fort. They were alert like the cowboys of Hollywood movies, ready for any consequences, holding on to their tiffin boxes and bags, and thinking about the rural charm and peacefulness in their homes in Peroorkada, Vattappara, Vattiyurkavu or Peyadu (the city has devoured these areas now). It was a city in slow motion, innocent and less ambitious. Amidst this sea of insecure commuters, waiting and strategising about how to jump into a moving bus, stands a statue of a man who is responsible for the Secretariat building and who led the bureaucracy of Trivandrum for almost two decades. He is the person who is instrumental in the modernisation of the Travancore State; he is Sir T Madhava Rao, the erstwhile Dewan of Travancore.

In my school days, I never bothered to look at it, but my ties to Baroda have made me see the statue with reverence now. I saw the statue of Madhava Rao not as the image of the erstwhile Dewan of Travancore but as the image of Maharaja Sayajirao's tutor and Dewan of Baroda. A portion of a web page on Maharaja Sayajirao III reads thus: When young, "he was extensively tutored into the administrative skills by Sir T Madhava Rao, who groomed his protege into being a ruler with foresight and with a will to provide welfare to his people".

Even now the concept of a welfare state remains confined only to academic discussions and political manifestos and is never implemented. Consider this statement of Madhava Rao in 1870: "A welfare state should provide for every subject within a couple of hours journey, the advantages of a doctor, a school master, a judge, a magistrate, a registering officer and a postmaster." This statement as well as his vision of education for all, regardless of caste and creed, and empowerment of women through education seem extremely relevant in contemporary times.

In 1863, Augusta M Blanford, one of the earliest English Zenana Missionaries, came to Trivandrum. When she was introduced to Maharaja Ayilyam Tirunal in 1864, Augusta expressed her desire to establish a school for the girls. Both the Maharaja and the Dewan, Madhava Rao, agreed to help her. The school started on 3 November 1864 with the daughter and niece of Madhava Rao and two little girls from the Nair community. This story illustrates how he was open to fresh ideas that would suit his welfare state plan. This attitude of Rao helped him pioneer many projects in Travancore and Baroda.

He hailed from the family lineage of Dewans as his uncle Venkata Rao was a Dewan of Travancore himself. Madhava Rao joined the service of the Travancore Maharaja as tutor to the ruler. He was elevated to the position of Deputy Dewan and subsequently to the position of Dewan in 1857. The relation between the Travancore administration and the British government was at its lowest ebb then. Rao would set it all right within no time. His efforts got commented upon in the House of Commons and he was called an architect of the "Model Native State".

In the period when Rao held the office of Dewan, the financial situation of Travancore developed from deficit to surplus, enabling him to initiate public works. Prominent colonial architects like Robert Chisholm got engaged in the building activities of the state like The Napier Museum at Thiruvananthapuram. In 1872, he left the service of the Travancore Maharaja but the British administration asked him to look after the financial affairs of Indore State and then Baroda that were in a chaotic situation. Rao joined the service of the Gaekwads as the Dewan and tutor to young Sayajirao Gaekwad. He, no doubt, inculcated the spirit of the welfare state in the young Sayajirao, which is proved in the able administration of this most revered Maharaja later. Baroda was one among the many princely states of western India prior to Maharaja Sayajirao III; his rule saw Baroda being counted among the richest and best administered princely states in India with a reputation of being a centre for education, culture and arts. The architectural wonders of the city like the Baroda College, Museum and Picture Gallery were designed by Chisholm in this period. Madhava Rao was also instrumental in introducing Ravi Varma to Maharaja Sayajirao. The contribution of Ravi Varma to the Baroda art scene need no eulogising.

Sculpture of Madhava Rao, ex-Travancore Dewan, in T'puram's Statue Junction

So, next time when you are in Thiruvananthapuram at Statue Junction, just look for the sculpture of this visionary responsible for the modernisation of Travancore and Baroda states. It is the statue of a visionary.

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Tackle climate change now

We saw the hottest April in 122 years. The South Asia region is facing a severe heat wave this summer, which has also led to a shortage in power supply. According to experts, the whole world has been hotter this year compared to previous ones. This has all been due to human activities and according to scientists, the earth will witness more such heat waves in the coming years. The carbon coming out of human activities is a major reason behind the warming of the earth. The governments of developed countries need to step up to resolve this issue and work on decreasing dependence on fossil fuels. Scientists around the world, with the help of governments, should execute plans at the ground level in an emergency mode. Every political force around the world should prioritise this issue. This should be addressed immediately for the betterment of humankind and future generations.
Deba Prasad Nayak, Cuttack

Much ado about nothing

This is with reference to your editorial *Language and national integration* (May 3). The Eighth Schedule of the Constitution recognises 22 Indian languages. Hindi in addition is an official language and can be used for correspondence. All Indian languages are rich in culture and have played a crucial role in national integration. Most states are following the three-language formula in educational institutions and there is no question of imposition of Hindi. When India is facing several other issues, the language row in which politicians and celebrities are indulging is uncalled for.
Ram Saran Singh, Bengaluru

SC judgment welcome

This is with reference to *Cannot force anyone to take a Covid shot, says SC Bench* (May 3). The apex court's judgment against any forced Covid vaccination is in keeping with the democratic principles that guarantee individual rights. The government can make Covid vaccination acceptable to people through advocacy campaigns without resorting to compulsion. Forcible vaccination could make people lose trust in government institutions and also in inoculation itself in the long run.
N Rama Rao, Chennai

Huge respect for dynast

This is with reference to *Udayanidhi likely to be in Cabinet in a few weeks* (May 3). If the DMK's youth wing secretary is likely to be made a Cabinet minister shortly, it simply underscores the fact that the DMK is a dynastic party. If Udhayanidhi Stalin is commanding 'huge respect' in the DMK, it is only because his father happens to be the state CM as well as party head. Thrusting 'greatness' upon young dynasts is the widely accepted norm in dynastic parties. And the DMK cannot be an exception.
C G Kuriakose, Kothamangalam

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Mehbooba Mufti @MehboobaMufti
This year Eid comes at a time when Indian Muslims are facing difficult times. We are at receiving end of a govt that unleashes anti-Muslim propaganda.

Mahua Moitra @MahuaMoitra
How is it anybody's business whether Rahul Gandhi is in a nightclub? BJP should stick to doing what they do best- leading double lives with beer in teapots.

Deepender S Hooda @DeependerSHooda
Haryana tops unemployment again! During Hooda govt, Haryana was top in development. BJP-JJP made Haryana No.1 in unemployment & inflation.

Formation of Integrated Battle Groups will take more time in the absence of a unified command chief like a CDS

ARMY 'QUICK GUN' UNITS SLOW ON THE DRAW

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

INDIAN Army's bid to introduce the biggest change in combat formations on ground with the creation of a lean set-up of the Integrated Battle Groups (IBGs) – which will have a capability to hit the enemy fast and hard – is facing inertia and the whole process has got delayed.

Army sources confirmed the process has been delayed and it will take more time as the scheduled meetings are not taking place after the death of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).

These battle groups might be raised close to the formation of the theatre commands, the sources said. The plan was to raise at least two IBGs by the end of 2021. Earlier, meetings led by the Army's Military Operations wing had taken place to complete the process.

This newspaper had earlier reported that the differences between Army, Navy and Air Force and the death of CDS Bipin Rawat in a helicopter crash in December last year have prolonged the theaterisation exercise. The formation of theatre commands is aimed to integrate the entire Indian military to fight future wars jointly under one theatre commander.

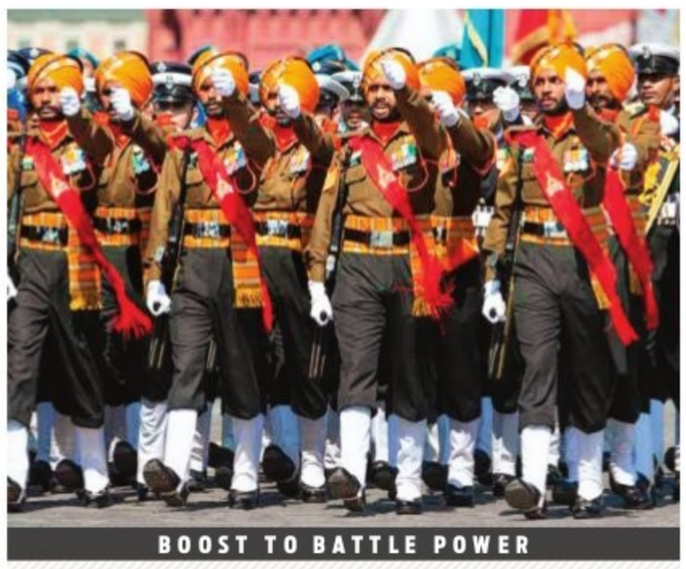
The IBGs will be self-contained fighting formations with the elements of every arm and service mixed together as per the terrain and operational requirements. In case of hostilities, they can swiftly strike against the enemies. Each IBG will be tailor-made and will be based on the three Ts – threat, terrain, and task.

The forces reassigned and reconstituted as the IBGs would be smaller but swifter with greater combat thrust. They will be bigger than a brigade (3,000-3,500) but smaller than a division (10,000-12,000).

In the first go, of the two IBGs planned, one is coming up under the 9 Corps mandated to operate on the western borders with Pakistan. The other one is being raised under the 17 Corps raised as the sole strike Corps to operate along the northern borders with China.

More formations will be approved once the first set is raised as the ambition is to do away with the Division Headquarters which function under the Corps and remove one complete layer from the organisational setup.

Work on the formation of the IBGs in the started after major deliberations and initiation of the biggest restructuring of its headquarters. Four studies on various aspects were initiated in mid-2018 which were finalised by December end.



BOOST TO BATTLE POWER

- Each Integrated Battle Group will have troop strength of around 5,000, **bigger than a Brigade** (3000-3,500) but smaller than a Division (10,000-12,000)
- These will have a **mix of every arm** and service like Infantry, Artillery, Armoured Corps, Engineers Corps, Signals, Air Defence and others
- In the initial phase, the Army has **decided to reconstitute** its standing forces into 12 modernised IBGs
- As per **initial plan,** there will be four IBGs under the 9 Corps, five or six under the 33 Corps, and three under the 17 Corps

Jodhpur under curfew after communal clashes

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

COMMUNAL clashes broke out just before Eid in Jodhpur, the hometown of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, forcing the police to enforce curfew, shut down internet connectivity and deploy heavy security on Tuesday to control the situation.

The clashes erupted between two communities on Monday night over a dispute involving flags in the Jalori Gate area. A three-day Parshuram Jayanti festival was also underway in Jodhpur and religious flags put up by both communities led to a major argument that soon led to clashes, following which, stones were pelted. The police had to lathi-charge and fire tear gas shells to disperse the mobs.

This is the third major communal conflict in Rajasthan in the past month after Karauli saw clashes and Alwar saw tensions flaring up over the demolition of a temple in an anti-encroachment drive.

Besides monitoring the situation, Gehlot instructed a high-level team to go to Jodhpur and appealed to the people to maintain peace. "While respecting the tradition of love and brotherhood of Jodhpur, Marwar, I appeal to all the parties to maintain peace and cooperate in restoring law and order," he tweeted.

Meanwhile, the BJP state president Satish Poonia said, "I want to directly tell the chief minister that for the sake of peace, harmony and safety of the common people, at least leave your vote bank politics. Think of the state, and instead of your chair, think of the safety of the people."

Sonia holds pre-Chintan powwows with seniors

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

CONGRESS chief Sonia Gandhi Tuesday held a meeting with top leadership ahead of the party's three-day Chintan Shivir (brainstorming session) scheduled in Udaipur.

The meeting at Gandhi's residence was attended by senior leaders heading the six committees constituted to look into issues related to political, social justice and empowerment, economy, organisation, farmers & agriculture, and youth empowerment.

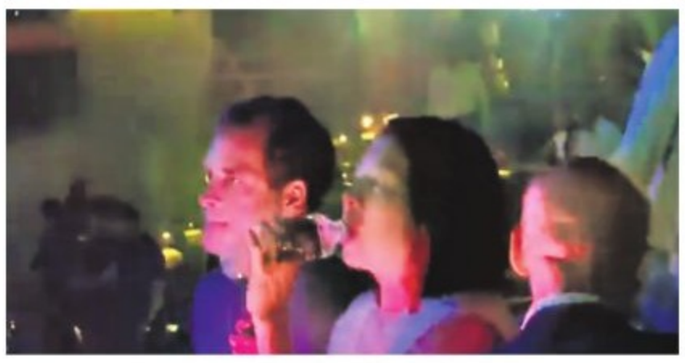
The discussion was primarily on the progress made by the committees with regard to the preparation for the Chintan Shivir from May 13-15 and other related issues. The party's general secretary (Organisation) K C Venugopal is scheduled to visit Udiapur to oversee the arrangements for the session that will be attended by 400 delegates from across the country.

The brainstorming session, being held after a long hiatus, is also expected to address the issue of the party's revival and the debacle in recent assembly elections.

It seems organisational changes made for the Gujarat and Himachal Assembly elections later this year also came up for discussions, so did the presidential and vice-presidential elections. The party has recently revamped several state units and more changes are expected in the coming days.

In a move to placate disgruntled party leaders, the G23 group, in particular, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Anand Sharma, Manish Tewari and Bhupinder Singh Hooda have been accommodated in six panels which have been assigned to start the groundwork for discussion and prepare the template for organisational restructuring.

Azad is part of the political panel, Hooda heads the panel on agriculture, Wasnik is heading the panel on organization and Sharma and Tewari are part of the panel on the economy.



... but where is Rahul Gandhi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

Party pooper – the Congress stopped just short of labeling the BJP as such on Tuesday after the ruling party claimed it had "solved" the mystery of the missing Rahul Gandhi: The former Congress chief was partying at a nightclub in Kathmandu. BJP's IT cell incharge Amit Malviya also shared a video clip of Rahul.

"Wrong," retorted the Congress. Rahul was at a wedding, the party clarified. A full-fledged war of words between the two sides set in. "Rahul Gandhi was at a nightclub when Mumbai was under siege. He is at a nightclub at a time when his party is exploding," Malviya riposted to the Congress charge of the PM's Europe trip in times of a "crisis" in the country.

Gandhi was supposed to be on a personal visit abroad in mid-April. He is scheduled to return "soon". A media report in the *Kathmandu Post* said the Congress leader was in the Nepal capital attending the wedding of his Nepali friend Sumnima Udas, a former journalist. Taking the first swipe, the Congress tweeted: "There is a crisis in the country, but Saheb (PM) is relishing (sic) abroad." PM Modi is on a three-day official trip to Europe. R S Surjewala sought to link it with Modi being an "uninvited" guest at Nawaz Sharif's birthday in 2015.

Meanwhile, BJP rolls up sleeves for 2024 poll battle in Uttar Pradesh

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

IT is just been a month of Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh, but the ruling BJP has already got into election mode yet again by setting eye on 'Mission 2024' and has commenced rigorous training sessions for its cadre to make the party machinary ready for the Lok Sabha battle.

The main objective of the cadre training camps for the party's foot soldiers is to guard against 'complacency' ahead of the parliamentary polls.

According to senior party leaders, it's imperative to keep the cadres on toes as they may lower their guard following a series of victories in four back to back elections in 2014, 2017, 2019 and 2022.

The first round of training camps concluded on Saturday. The trained leaders are now entrusted with imparting training to other BJP workers on how the party's victory run could be continued.

RSS and BJP old guard, who have witnessed the days of 'struggle', were also present in the training camps to help the cadres understand the need to get ready for the accomplishment of the 'bigger' mission in 2024.

In the first round of these training-cum-orientation camps, in each of which 100-odd party workers participated, leaders enlightened them with the BJP's history to ensure that they remained focused. They also narrated the history of the party's struggle when it had just two MPs in the Lok Sabha. The party has graduated to the present day, when it has become the largest national party, but the cadres were cautioned it was still not the time to sit back.

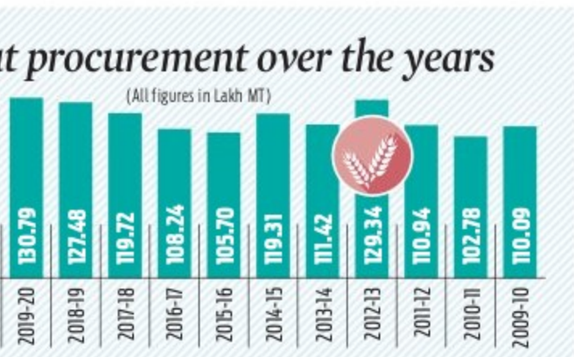
"Besides the party's history, the cadre were also made aware of the welfare schemes of the government and ways to connect better with the masses. It's an effort to help cadres become even better," said a senior BJP leader.

Deputy Chief Ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak, senior ministers and party functionaries also shared tips in these workshops, which would now be followed by smaller ones where those trained will coach the others.

At the sessions, the cadre is being told how the state government and the organisation are working in sync. They are also being entrusted with gathering the feedback of the masses and convey it to the party organisation so that steps for course correction, if needed, could be taken," said a BJP worker.

Cadres appraised of India's rising profile

Senior BJP leaders, including those who failed to get a berth in the present cabinet, addressed these training sessions. The cadres are being made aware of the national, international events including India's global profile under Modi



Following a spurt in global wheat prices, most states had witnessed a drastic drop in government purchase of wheat. Yet Punjab led the nation again in **contributing the largest quantity** of wheat to the Central pool

The last time procurement fell below 100 LMT was in 2007 when it was 70.99 LMT

Punjab sees lowest procurement of wheat by govt agencies in 13 years

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

A host of factors, including abnormally high temperatures and higher export of wheat due to the Ukraine war, has resulted in the lowest procurement of the grain by the Punjab government in 13 years. The state on Tuesday decided to conclude the procurement from mandis following a decline in wheat arrivals.

However, the Centre has ordered fresh sampling of the shrivelled grain, another factor for the low yield this year.

Government agencies in Punjab, which is the largest contributor to the Central pool, procured only 94.12 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of wheat until Tuesday, state government data showed.

As per data with the state food supplies department, the total wheat procurement as on May 3 was 99.68 lakh metric tonnes. Of this, government agencies procured 94.12 LMT. Private source procurement soared to 5.56 LMT.

The last the procurement fell below 100 LMT was in 2007 and 2006, when it was 70.99 LMT and 69.07 LMT respectively. At that time too, the international prices soared leading to a global food crisis. In 2010-11, the figures were 102.78 LMT.

State Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister Lal Chand Kataruchakk said the mandis would be closed in a phased manner, starting May 5 after a notification. The minister blamed bad weather that caused the shrivelling of grains in most parts of the state.

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He said the Central Department of Food and Public Distribution would send another team to lift samples from the mandis to ascertain the extent of problem with shrivelling of grains. Sources said the grain across has shrivelled by 10-20% as per the assessment of five Central teams.

Plea in apex court for sign language interpreters at PM, CM briefings

PRATHMA SHARMA @New Delhi

THE Supreme Court has sought a response from the Centre and the state governments on a petition seeking direction for having sign language interpreters in all press briefings by the prime minister, all Union ministers, chief ministers and states ministers in accordance with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

A bench of Justices S A Nazeer and Vikram Nath was hearing the plea filed by disability rights activist and the first visually impaired woman advocate practising at the Madras High Court, M Karpagam.

The petition stated that nearly 2.1% of the population in India is disabled, according to the Census 2011, while the World Bank estimates the figure to be much higher at 10-15% of the population in the country. Of the total disabled population, 7.5% is speech impaired and 5.8% suffers from hearing impairment, according to the 2011 Census.

These people had an equal right to information and communication, the petition contended.

Section 42 of the 2016 Act says it is the duty of the government to provide facilities, including sign language interpreters, for persons with hearing and speech impaired to make information and communication accessible to this section, the plea filed by advocate Nupur Kumar on behalf of Karpagam stated.

No availability of such interpreters during press briefings, especially at the time of pandemic and other emergencies and natural disasters, when crucial information is divulged by governments for the knowledge and benefit of the public, is in violation of the Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and Equal Opportunity Act, Karpagam stated in her petition filed recently.

Centre seeks time for filing sedition reply

New Delhi: The Centre has sought time from the Supreme Court to file its response on a batch of pleas challenging the constitutional validity of the colonial era penal law on sedition. A three-judge bench headed by CJI N V Ramana had on April 27 had directed it to file the reply saying it would commence the final hearing on May 5. In an application to the court, the Centre said while the draft of the affidavit is ready, it was awaiting confirmation from the competent authority. ENS

Chandigarh team cracks Rashtrapati Bhavan puzzle

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chandigarh

IF you haven't visited Rashtrapati Bhavan and marvelled at the visuals of the British-era mansion, here's a small window to the masterly craftsmanship. Begin it with the ground: the flooring has more than 50 patterns or compositions. Each pattern follows eight-nine geometrical designs.

These patterns have muted shades of yellow & green as well as brick red, says a study conducted by a 10-member team of Chandigarh College of Architecture (CCA).

Together, they have come out with the first volume of a book containing the flooring patterns. Titled 'Interpreting Geometries,' it is expected to be released soon. The unique study has documented and decoded the flooring pattern of the iconic Rashtrapati Bhavan.

The official residence of the President of India was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens and Herbert Baker. It stands on a 330-acre estate. It was completed in the year 1929 after 17 years of work.

The marble used in the massive mansion was procured locally. However, the ceremonial area has imported marble, says the study.

Principal of the college Sangeeta Bagga Mehta and assistant professor Vipendra Singh said CCA received the project from Rashtrapati Bhavan in August last year. "We finished the first part in March this year," said Mehta.

The book was initially planned as a coffee table book. "When we surveyed the building and observed the flooring, we decided to document and decode it after doing its mapping," she said. Since it involved a large amount of work with a six-month deadline to complete, the team decided to involve the students as well.

SERVANTS HELD

Five domestic servants along with their accomplices held an elderly couple and other family members hostage, and looted cash and jewellery from their house in Karni Vihar police station area here, police said on Tuesday.

90% GROWTH OF GST COLLECTION BY ARUNACHAL

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	38	26	Mumbai	32	28
Bhopal	41	26	Panaji	33	27
Jaipur	39	27	Patna	33	27
Amritsar	34	23	Lucknow	36	26
Chennai	38	29	Port Blair	31	27
Kolkata	32	26	Imphal	24	16
Srinagar	23	11	Chandigarh	43	27

FIR against Raj Thackeray for inflammatory speech

Several parts from his Aurangabad speech mentioned in the FIR

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Maharashtra Police on Tuesday registered an FIR against Maharashtra Navnirman Sena chief Raj Thackeray for his recent "inflammatory" speech during a rally in Aurangabad.

The FIR has been lodged under IPC sections 153 (promoting enmity between two groups), 116 (abetment of offence) and 117 (abetting commission of the offence).

Police said the last four-and-half minutes of Thackeray's speech was "very objectionable, provocative and inflammatory". "Each word of this part of the speech has been mentioned in the FIR. Raj Thackeray has been named the main accused in the case. He will also be served notice under Section 149 of IPC for committing offence with a common object by the unlawful assembly. We checked video footage of the rally and even sought legal opinion before registering the FIR," said a police official.

The police have also issued notices to 15,000 MNS workers and the right-wing outfits which announced to erect loudspeakers outside mosques and chant Hanuman Chalisa after Thackeray issued an ultimatum to remove loudspeakers from mosques by May 4.

Meanwhile, the police department has cancelled the leaves of personnel looking after the law and order.

Maharashtra minister of state for home affairs (rural) Shabhuraje Desai said the police had given permission to Raj Thackeray's rally in Aurangabad with certain terms and conditions. He violated these conditions therefore the FIR has been registered against him, said Desai.

It is learnt that police have been told to not wait for permission to take strict actions against miscreants who create communal tension.

Warrant in hate speech of 2008

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

A court in Maharashtra's Sangli has issued non-bailable warrant against Raj Thackeray in connection with a 14-year-old case. In 2008, the MNS chief was booked under sections 109 and 117 (abetment of commission of offence) of IPC for making inflammatory speeches. While issuing the warrant on April 6, the Judicial Magistrate at Shirala in Sangli district had asked the Mumbai Police commissioner to arrest the MNS chief and present him before the court before June 8.

The judge issued the warrant against Thackeray and another MNS leader Shirish Parkar through the Mumbai Police commissioner and Kherwadi Police Station, respectively, as the duo failed to appear themselves before the court.

'BSP, Cong surrendered stakes to SP'

A member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council since 2017, state Deputy Chief Minister **Keshav Prasad Maurya** is also Minister of Rural Engineering Service. Defeated from his birthplace Sirathu in Kaushambi district in Feb-March polls by Samajwadi Party's Pallavi Patel, the sister of BJP ally Anupriya Patel, Maurya believes he would soon find out the reasons for his defeat. His analysis says Mayawati's BSP and Congress "surrendered" their stakes to the Akhilesh Yadav-led Samajwadi Party. Excerpts from an interview by **Namita Bajpai**

BJP was confident of winning 300-plus seats in the Assembly polls. It failed to touch that target...

There were many things at play in the Opposition camp during the elections. We were confident of winning more than 325 seats. However, we did not expect the Bahujan Samaj Party and Congress to surrender their stakes in favour of Samajwadi Party in a tacit understanding. However, we have increased our vote share.

On the contrary, Samajwadi Party accuses BSP of having transferred its votes to the saffron camp?

It is all to misguide the people. They already had an understanding among themselves.

Your defeat in Sirathu came as the biggest reverse for the BJP. What were the reasons for your defeat?

In elections, victory and defeat are a part of the game. The bottom line is that we have won. We are analysing the factors that might have played a role in my defeat. I think, within a month's time, we will be out with a report. Based on that we will make the Assembly constituency a permanent stronghold of the BJP.

You have headed the PWD in your previous tenure. Do you find rural development (his current portfolio) more challenging?

I always work with dedication. With the same spirit, I fulfilled my responsibilities in the PWD during my first tenure. I am grateful to the party for accepting my request and entrusting me with the responsibility of the rural development department.

All ministers in CM Yogi's team have to draw a roadmap to set targets. What is your agenda?

We all have given presentations to the state cabinet about our priorities. Our 100-day roadmap comprises the ongoing schemes and rest are pertaining to the promises made in our *sankalp patra* at the time of elections.

How do you plan to ensure the benefits of the welfare schemes reach the last man on the social ladder?

I can say with full responsibility that the rural development department is the perfect platform to execute all plans for the uplift of the poor.

The state government is often under attack over unemployment. Do you have any roadmap to stop the migration of the rural youth?

Yes. In order to provide jobs to talented and educated youth in rural areas, we are in the process of setting up food processing units as I am in-charge of that department too. We have set up around five lakh self-help groups (SHGs) of women who handle a variety of products in villages. We help them provide a market for those products. We have the target of taking the number of SHGs to 10 lakh. Under MNREGA, women are getting more remuneration than their male counterparts.

In the 2024 general elections, what will be the BJP's strategy in UP?

We have the 'double-engine government' through which we are serving the people. People are accepting our ideology. On the basis of the performance of our government in the state plus the guidance of the Prime Minister, we are sure of winning 75-plus seats in the 2024 polls.

MP CM Shivaraj Singh Chouhan unveils a statue of Pararshuram in Bhopal | TWITTER

Students to get lessons on Parashuram in MP schools

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

EMBOLDENED by the success of its Hindutva agenda in the recent Assembly polls, the BJP is banking on the same in Madhya Pradesh, which goes to polls next year.

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Tuesday made a slew of announcements to mark Pararshuram Jayanti and Akshaya Tritiya in Bhopal, adding more saffron flavour to his governance.

These included a plan to add lessons on Bhagwan Parashuram (considered the sixth avtar of Lord Vishnu) in the school curriculum.

The announcements were made from a stage, which was shared by senior Brahmin politicians of both BJP and Congress including state BJP president VD Sharma, former mayor of Bhopal and senior BJP leader Alok Sharma, senior Congress leader and former Union minister Suresh Pachauri and former MP minister and sitting Congress MLA PC Sharma, who was the minister for religious affairs and spirituality department in the erstwhile Kamal Nath-led Congress government in the state.

The announcements at the event not only formed part of the BJP government's saffron agenda, but were also intended to appease the Brahmins, whose vote is crucial in parts of Gwalior-Chambal, Vindhya and Bundelkhand regions.

Speaking about the plan to add lessons on Parashuram in the curriculum, the CM termed it a "part of the culture". "All the students should learn Sanskrit, Bhagwan Ram, Parashuram, Krishna and Gita. None can object to it, as this is our Sanatan culture,"

He also announced increased appointment of Sanskrit teachers. Chouhan further announced starting scholarships for Sanskrit Karma Kand students.

Cow vigilantes lynch 2 tribal men in MP's Seoni district

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

TWO Gond tribe men were lynched by a mob of 20 over allegation of cow slaughter in tribal-dominated Seoni district of Madhya Pradesh early on Tuesday.

A tribal youth who tried to save the duo, too, was attacked by the assailants. The attackers allegedly assaulted and molested the wife of one of the deceased men, when she tried to save her husband.

Enraged over the lynching of the men, who were aged around 50 and 60 years, a large number of tribals blocked national highways in Seoni.

Leading the tribals was local Congress MLA Arjun Singh Kakodiya, who alleged the assailants were Bajrang Dal men. He demanded bulldozing of the houses of the accused and also sought ban on Bajrang Dal.

However, the Seoni Police sources claimed that primary probe suggested the accused were associated with a far-right outfit, Ram Sena.

"A case of murder and rioting has been lodged against six identified persons and 11-12 unidentified men. Six of the accused have been arrested," SP Seoni Kumar Prateek told this news paper.

The shocking incident happened between 2 am and 3 am in Simiriya village, when some persons assaulted the men alleging that they were found possessing beef.

GUJARAT FILES

TRIBAL MLA OF CONG JOINS BJP

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

IN a jolt to opposition Congress in Gujarat, where elections are due this year, an influential tribal MLA of the party resigned the legislator post and joined the ruling BJP on Tuesday.

Khedbramha MLA Ashwin Kotwal tendered his resignation to Assembly Speaker Neemaben Acharya and later joined the saffron party in the presence of state chief C R Patil at Gujarat BJP headquarters 'Shree Kamalam'. With Kotwal's resignation, the strength of Congress in the Assembly has come down to 63. The ruling camp has 111 MLAs. Kotwal, who hails from the tribal community, is keen to contest the next election.

The resignation comes amid efforts of the ruling party to woo tribal voters, a vote bank of the Congress.

After joining the BJP, Kotwal told mediapersons that he was impressed by the Prime Minister's "development work". The turncoat said in 2007, when he was elected as MLA on a Congress ticket for the first time, he had met Modi in Gandhinagar. "Since then I may have been in the Congress but Modi has been residing in my heart," he said.

Political analyst Mani Patel said Kotwal's move would help the BJP. "He has been winning Khedbrahma for the last three terms, and he is influential. Tribal voters in north Gujarat have been with the Congress till now. BJP has brought in Kotwal to break the tribal vote bank of the grand old party."

JIGNESH CALLS FOR BANDH ON JUNE 1

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Ahmedabad/Guwahati

INDEPENDENT MLA Jignesh Mevani on Tuesday declared a "Gujarat bandh" on June 1 if the state government fails to fulfill his demands which include fair probe into 22 cases of exam paper leak, withdrawal of cases against SCs in Una, and action on alleged drug smuggling through the Mundra port.

Reaching Ahmedabad after spending nine days in Assam jail, Mevani questioned the intention of the Assam Police. "I was jailed for nine days and suffered but didn't complain. Assam's judiciary called a spade a spade that the FIR is frivolous. It was done at the behest of their bosses in Delhi."

Meanwhile, the Assam Police will challenge the bail granted to Gujarat MLA Jignesh Mevani in the case of "assaulting" a police officer.

It is learnt the investigating officer of Barpeta Road Police Station will file a petition in the Gauhati High Court through the public prosecutor (PP). The state government is also likely to separately challenge the bail.

The state's Advocate General (AG) Debojit Saikia told this newspaper, "We are discussing the matter. You will get to know our line (of action) by Thursday."

Hearing a petition of the state government on the order of the Sessions Court, Barpeta, on Monday, the Gauhati High Court stated: "The State of Assam through its PP shall be at liberty to challenge the said order..."

Misery shadows Eid in Khargone amid curfew

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

THREE festivals — Eid-ul-Fitr, Akshaya Tritiya and Parashuram Jayanti — were celebrated within the confines of houses in Khargone town of Madhya Pradesh on Tuesday owing to total curfew imposed in view of the three festivals coinciding.

Devouts offered namaz within their homes, as police and administration vehicles — blaring sirens — stayed mobile across the riot hit town throughout Tuesday.

But despair and misery overshadowed festivities of Muslim families whose houses had been demolished in last few days by the local administration as part of action against encroachments and the "illegal properties", including those of rioters.

In the worst-hit Sanjay Nagar locality, small dairy business owner Shahdullah Beg and his graduate wife Parveen Beg along with four kids, will never want to remember this Eid. A major part of their house was demolished after the violence from April 10 without any prior notice.

Elsewhere in Khargone town, Ateeq Ali, is among two Muslim traders who have petitioned the MP High Court against the demolition of their properties on April 12. These traders are perplexed as they were served notices by local authorities after the demolition was conducted and not before.

The HC has issued notices to the state government and police, asking to file a reply in four to six weeks.

Ateeq owns the Waqt Restaurant, a part of which was demolished on April 12. "The administration served me a notice 14 days later on April 26. Our only hope is the court, to which we've pleaded for getting the due compensation for our damage," Ateeq said.

Secretariat silent amid political skepticism

Amid the growing political uncertainty over the Jharkhand CM's affairs in turmoil, developmental programmes have been hit as officials in the state secretariat are reluctant to clear files accumulated since the last 15 days. According to a secretariat staffer, there is an unprecedented silence as officials are not reporting to office regularly and those do are not remaining in office for long. Files have started to piling up on tables of departmental secretaries as trouble mounts on Chief Minister Hemant Soren following accusation of him using official powers to obtain a mining lease in his favour, despite the fact that he has been holding the mining portfolio in the state cabinet.

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RANCHI DIARY

Survey hints at respiratory effects of air pollution

A survey on outdoor workers conducted between December 2021 and March 2022 in two cities of Jharkhand shows alarming impact of ambient air pollution on respiratory systems. Done by SwitchON Foundation – which works for green conservation and awareness on air pollution's impact on health – released the survey carried out on 1,200 respondents from Ranchi and Giridih indicating that a significant number — 45 per cent of youngsters engaged in labour showed symptoms of cough and 43 per cent of soreness in throat. While a large chunk of the nearly 58 per cent elderly showed both chronic and acute symptoms of respiratory diseases like chest discomfort and 48 per cent of nasal congestion.

Government school runs with lone teacher

This government school in Jharkhand's Latehar is being run by only one teacher for the last 10 years. Teacher Vijay Kumar Paswan has been handling nearly 150 students in classes I to VIII single handedly. According to him, he has been writing to authorities for providing more teachers for the school, but nothing has materialised so far in this regard. He has been managing the students somehow with the help of the officials of School Management Committee and children of child parliament, who often support him in teaching his students. District education officials informed that there is a dearth of teachers and hence there are some schools which are being run with only one teacher.

Intense fight for Champawat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Dehradun

WITH the date of by-election to Champawat Assembly constituency announced, both ruling BJP and opposition Congress are gearing up for a intense fight. The bypoll is scheduled on May 31.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami will be contesting the seat, which was vacated by BJP MLA Kailash Gehtodi.

"The people of Champawat have been supportive to the party and the CM will win the poll," state BJP chief Madan Kaushik exuded confidence.

The contest is most likely to be tilted in the favor of the ruling BJP. The Congress has yet to name its candidate.

Even though Dhami had failed to win his Khatima seat in the recent Assembly poll, the saffron party decided to keep him as the CM. Last month, the party concluded that the chief minister lost the election due to internal sabotage.

Tejashwi says sorry for Lalu-era 'mistakes'

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

IN what is being described as a political masterstroke, RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav on Tuesday "apologised" to the Bhumihars, a dominant upper caste in Bihar, for the actions which antagonised the community during the previous regimes run by his party.

Speaking at a function on the occasion of Parshuram Jayanti in Patna, Tejashwi said he would try his level best to mend his ways and would not repeat the mistakes that his father did earlier. "*Galti har kisi se hoti hai. Use sudharne ka mauka milna chahiye* (people are bound to commit mistakes. They should be given an opportunity to mend themselves)," he said.

The Leader of the Opposition promised that he would never indulge in acts that will antagonise the community. "I have come here to seek your blessings. Let us come together to form a new Bihar," he said.

Tejashwi's apology comes close on the heels of a section of Bhumihars lending support to RJD candidate Amar Paswan in the recent bypoll for Bochaha (reserved) seat.

The relationship between RJD supremo Lalu Prasad and Bhumihars had been a strained one.

"Tejashwi has been trying to win the confidence of Bhumihars. That's why he preferred to keep the image of Lalu Prasad out of the posters in most of his public meetings," said a political analyst Pramod Kumar.

Sidhu mum on letter to Sonia

CHANDIGARH: Former Punjab Congress chief Navjot Singh Sidhu on Tuesday evaded queries on the disciplinary action recommended against him by the state party in-charge Harish Chaudhary.

The written recommendation has gone to the party's disciplinary panel for "perusal".

Sidhu, instead, sought to deflect the issue by raising the "all-time high" prices of sand in the state, blaming AAP's national convener Arvind Kejriwal for it. He said the high price of the sand trolley has led to stoppage of construction work. "Kilns are on the verge of closure, and masons and labourers are affected.

During the Congress government, the sand rate was ₹900 per cubic feet as a trolley came for around ₹3,600, Sidhu said. "The rate is now ₹16,000 per trolley. The sand mafia seems to be active under the protection of the AAP government," Sidhu said. *ENS*

13 MILLION

people displaced by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, creating the worst refugee crisis in Europe since World War II

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	36	20	LC	Los Angeles	26	14	SNY
Colombo	31	26	LC	Melbourne	15	6	LR
Dhaka	30	24	TDS	Moscow	9	1	LR
Dubai	33	24	SNY	New York	19	13	LR
Houston	31	25	LC	Singapore	31	27	TDS
Istanbul	15	8	LR	Toronto	15	6	LR
London	18	8	LR	Washington	26	13	TDS

RUSSIAN FORCES STORM MARIUPOL PLANT

101 people evacuated, says UN coordinator for Ukraine | Ukrainian dy PM says few hundred civilians remain there

ZAPORIZHZHIA

RUSSIAN forces Tuesday began storming the steel mill that represented the last pocket of resistance in Mariupol, Ukrainian defenders said, just as scores of civilians evacuated from the bombed-out plant over the weekend reached relative safety in Ukrainian-held territory.

Osnat Lubrani, the UN humanitarian coordinator for Ukraine, said that thanks to the evacuation effort, "101 women, men, children and older persons could finally leave the bunkers below the Azovstal steelworks and see the daylight after two months."

Ukrainian commanders said Russian forces backed by tanks and other armour began storming the sprawling plant, which includes a maze of tunnels and bunkers spread out over 11 square kilometers.

How many Ukrainian fighters were holed up inside was unclear, but the Russians put the number at about 2,000 in recent weeks, and there were reports that 500 were wounded.

A few hundred civilians also remained there, Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk said.

"We'll do everything that's possible to repel the assault, but we're calling for urgent measures to evacuate the civilians that remain inside the plant and to bring them out safely," Sviatoslav Palamar, deputy commander of Ukraine's Azov Regiment, said on Telegram. *AP*

People and relatives of Azov battalion servicemen,who are currently engaged in defending Azovstal plant, take part in a rally called 'Save military of Mariupol' in front of the Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's office in Kyiv on Tuesday | AFP

'West must stop giving weapons to Ukraine'

Moscow: Russian President Vladimir Putin told French counterpart Emmanuel Macron on Tuesday that the West must stop supplying weapons to Ukraine. He also accused Kyiv of not taking talks to end the conflict seriously. Accusing Ukrainian forces of committing war crimes and claiming that the European Union was ignoring them, Putin told Macron "the West could help stop these atrocities by putting relevant pressure on Kyiv, as well as halting the supply of weapons to Ukraine". He also said Kyiv was not being consistent for "serious work" on ending the conflict.

Boris promises $376 million in military aid to Ukraine

LONDON

UK PRIME Minister Boris Johnson announced on Tuesday another £300 million ($376 million) in military aid for Ukraine, as he hailed resistance to Russia as its "finest hour", in a remote address to the parliament in Kyiv.

Johnson used the speech delivered via video link, the first by a foreign leader to Ukraine's Verkhovna Rada since Russia invaded on February 24, to commend Kyiv's forces for fighting "with the energy and courage of lions".

"This is Ukraine's finest hour, that will be remembered and recounted for generations to come," said Johnson.

Johnson said Ukraine's resistence had "exploded the myth" that Russian President Vladimir Putin's forces were invincible. *AFP*

Attack in east Ukraine kills 10, wounds 15

Kyiv: The Donetsk regional governor said the Russian troops on Tuesday shelled a chemical plant in Avdiivka, a city in eastern Ukraine, killing at least 10 people and wounding 15 more. "The Russians knew exactly where to aim. "The workers just finished their shift and were waiting for a bus at a bus stop to take them home," Pavlo Kyrylenko said on Telegram. "Another cynical crime by Russians on our land," he said.

Pope offers to meet Putin, awaits response

Vatican City: Pope Francis told an Italian newspaper that he had offered to travel to Moscow to meet President Vladimir Putin to try to end Russia's war in Ukraine and suggested the invasion might have been provoked by NATO's eastward expansion. Francis said he made the offer about three weeks into Russia's invasion but has yet to hear back. "Of course, it would be necessary for the leader of the Kremlin to make available some window of opportunity. But we still have not had a response and are still pushing, even if I fear that Putin cannot and does not want to have this meeting at this moment," Francis was quoted as saying.

Report: Online media contributed to Russia's invasion of Ukraine

LONDON

UNREGULATED online content has spread disinformation and propaganda that have amplified political divisions, fanned international tensions and even contributed to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, a media watchdog said on Tuesday.

Reporters Without Borders, widely known by its French acronym RSF, presented its findings in the 2022 edition of its annual World Press Freedom Index. Democratic societies, it said, are increasingly fractured by social media spreading disinformation and media pursuing a "Fox News model", referring to the controversial US right-wing television network.

Autocratic regimes meanwhile tightly control information within their societies, using their leveraged position to wage "propaganda wars" against democracies and fuel divisions within them.

Such polarisation is becoming more "extreme," worldwide, RSF's director of operations and campaigns Rebecca Vincent said.

The report showed how Russia, where state-run media overwhelmingly dominates and independent outlets are largely stifled, waged a propaganda war before its invasion of Ukraine.

Evgeniya Dillendorf, a correspondent for the independent Novaya Gazeta newspaper, said the main reason for lack of media diversity in Russia "is not pressure but lack of independent business which would finance it, and the lack of independent judicial system that would defend it".

"The creation of media weaponry in authoritarian countries eliminates their citizens' right to information but is also linked to the rise in international tension, which can lead to the worst kind of wars," RSF Secretary-General Christophe Deloire said. *AFP*

Very bad situation in 28 countries

The situation is "very bad" in a record 28 countries, according to this year's ranking of 180 countries and regions. The lowest ranked were North Korea (180th), Eritrea (179) and Iran (178), with Myanmar (176) and China (175) close behind. Russia (155) and its ally Belarus (153) were also among the most repressive.

UNITED IN PRAYER

Believers offer Eid al-Fitr prayers, marking the end of Ramadan, in Tehran, Iran on Tuesday | AP/PTI

Indian-origin teenager jailed in UK for crashing stolen Range Rover

LONDON

AN Indian-origin teenager was sentenced to four years in jail for driving a stolen Range Rover the wrong way down a tunnel in London and then causing a head-on collision, Scotland Yard said on Tuesday.

Johal Rathour, 18, was identified by Metropolitan Police's Road and Transport Policing Command after he caused the crash in the early hours of August 6 last year and was sentenced at St Albans Crown Court in London last Friday. The Met Police said no serious injuries were caused to the driver of the Mercedes van Rathour crashed into.

"Rathour was guilty of an incredibly dangerous piece of driving and it was a miracle that nobody was seriously injured,' said Police Constable Adam Lamb, the investigating officer.

"Watching the video of him driving the wrong way through the tunnel is very distressing as it seems inevitable that a fatal collision would happen," he said. "I am glad he has faced justice for his actions and will not be able to drive on the roads of London for many years," he said.

The court was told that Rathour caused GBP 80,000 of damage to the Mercedes van he crashed into and the stolen Range Rover he was driving.

He also caused a total loss of revenues worth GBP 585,000 to Transport for London, due to the Blackwall Tunnel having to be shut for over two hours during rush hours. *PTI*

Al-Shabaab attacks African Union base in Somalia

MOGADISHU

HEAVILY armed Al-Shabaab jihadists stormed an African Union (AU) base in Somalia on Tuesday, triggering a fierce firefight that caused an unknown number of casualties, a local military commander and witnesses said.

AU forces dispatched helicopter gunships after the predawn car bomb and gun attack on a camp housing Burundian peacekeepers near Ceel Baraf, a village about 160 kilometres (100 miles) northeast of the capital Mogadishu, the sources said. "There was heavy fighting and casualties inflicted on both sides, but we don't have more details about this incident so far," local military commander Mohamed Ali told AFP by phone.

"They launched the attack with a car bomb blast before a heavy exchange of gunfire broke out," he added.

Al-Shabaab, which has been waging a deadly insurgency against Somalia's fragile central government for more than a decade, issued a statement claiming responsibility for the assault. The jihadists said they had taken control of the camp killing 59 AU soldiers and injuring dozens more.

SOURCE: TWITTER

The claim could not be verified and there was no immediate comment from the AU Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) or central government officials.

"Al-Shabaab gunmen stormed the camp early morning, there were heavy blasts and exchanges of machinegun fire. The Burundians vacated the camp and entered Ceel Baraf village before helicopters arrived providing aerial support," said one witness, local resident Weliyow Maalim. *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

Ethiopia detains 76 over Eid al-Fitr prayer unrest

Nairobi: Ethiopian officials say they have arrested 76 suspects following unrest that erupted in the capital, Addis Ababa, during Eid al-Fitr prayers on Monday. The unrest followed days of tension between the nation's Christians and Muslims after at least 21 Muslims were killed on April 26 in the city of Gondar. Muslim representatives alleged extremist Christian groups carried out the killings and a curfew has been imposed in Gondar, one of Ethiopia's largest cities with more than 300,000 people. AP

Hostages being used as shields: Nigeria prez

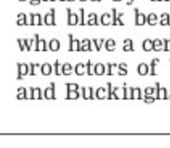
Maiduguri: Dozens of passengers kidnapped five weeks ago from a train near Nigeria's capital Abuja are being used as human shields by their abductors, President Muhammadu Buhari has said. More than 100 travellers were kidnapped in March when a passenger train was halted by an explosion and attacked by gunmen who killed eight people on board . AP

Imran Khan willing to discuss early polls with Pak PM, says ex-minister

ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN'S former interior minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed has claimed that ousted premier Imran Khan is ready to discuss the holding of early elections with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, as he made a strong case for clearing "misunderstandings" between the ruling and opposition parties.

Rashid, who heads the Awami National League-Pakistan, is a key alliance partner of the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI). PTI activists are set to launch a mega-march to the federal capital, here, from all corners of the country at the end of the month, demanding dates of early elections, Dawn News reported.



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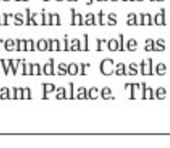

Imran Khan

Rashid said the demonstrations should be limited to convincing the Election Commission of Pakistan to hold early polls and no other state institution should be attacked.

"I have started efforts yesterday to remove misunderstanding between them (PTI and the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz)," Rashid was quoted in an article published in VOA News on Monday. "I am in favour of peace with the Army, but in case of 'war' I will stand by Imran Khan," Rashid said.

He said Khan was ready to hold talks with the Sharif government for early general elections, but it required the guarantee of 'powerful quarters'', an indirect reference to the powerful military establishment. Imran Khan, 69, the country's 22nd PM, was removed through a no-confidence vote in early April, becoming the first premier in Pakistan's history to be ousted through a no-trust motion.

PML-N leader Shehbaz Sharif, 70, assumed the PM office on April 11. The term of the current House ends in August, 2023.

PTI lawmakers have demanded early elections in view of scores of Members of National Assembly changing political loyalties this year. *PTI*

BRITISH ARMY PROBING BREACH AT QUEEN'S BARRACKS

LONDON

THE British Army is investigating a security breach by an intruder posing as a priest at the barracks for guards who are stationed to protect the Queen at Windsor Castle in south-east England.

Reports of the breach last week emerged in 'The Sun' on Tuesday, which said the police were alerted last Wednesday morning after an unknown man spent time at Victoria Barracks in Sheet Street, Windsor, while Queen Elizabeth II was at Sandringham Estate for her 96th birthday break.

The barracks are home to 'The Coldstream Guards', recognised by their red jackets and black bearskin hats and who have a ceremonial role as protectors of Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace. The

man allegedly spent the previous night eating and drinking with senior officers before being offered a bed for the night, despite showing no identification or credentials.

"This is just an extraordinary breach of security," the newspaper quoted a source as saying. "The guy turned up at the gate in the evening and said his name was Father Cruise and claimed to be a friend of the battalion's Padre Rev Matt Coles. He was invited in and offered something to eat in the Officer's Mess," the source said.

"Within a couple of hours, he was drinking with the officers in the bar and telling them stories of how he had served in Iraq. He was telling lots of tall stories and the lads were enjoying his banter and having a few drinks," the source added.

A spokesperson for the British Army said a thorough investigation has been launched into the incident.

"The Army takes this breach of security extremely seriously and it will be thoroughly investigated as a matter of priority," the spokesperson said.

"This incident is now part of an ongoing investigation and it would therefore be inappropriate to comment further at this time," the spokesperson added.

The Thames Valley Police said: "Officers attended and removed the intruder from the barracks. No further action was required." *PTI*

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

MADURAI DIVISION

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It is hereby informed to the General Public that our client **Mr. PADMANAND WARRIER,** S/o Late U. Krishna Warrier, aged about 63 years, residing at Flat No. PR306, 3rd Floor, Primrose Block, Golden Blossom Apartment, Kadugodi, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore – 560067, has lost the Original Agreement of Sale dated 17-03-2007 entered with M/s. Golden Gate Properties Ltd., a Public Limited Company, having its Registered Office at No. 820, 1st Floor, 8th block, 80 Feet Road, Koramangala, Bangalore–560034, in respect to the below mentioned Schedule Property at his residence while cleaning and same is not traceable and it is irretrievably misplaced inspite of his best efforts and also lodged a Complaint before the Jurisdictional Police Station of Kadugodi, Bangalore on 03-05-2022 vide E-Lost Report No. 0214728/2022. If anyone find the above mentioned document, he is hereby requested to deliver the same to undersigned and if any person were to deal with the said Original Agreement of Sale dated 17-03-2007 in respect to the below mentioned Schedule Property other than our client, such transactions will not bind on him or the below mentioned Schedule Property and he will be doing so at his own risk and cost.

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17.5 lakh units AC sales hit record high of 17.5 lakh units in April; to touch 90 lakh in 2022: CEAMA

Power crisis: NTPC shifts focus back to coal

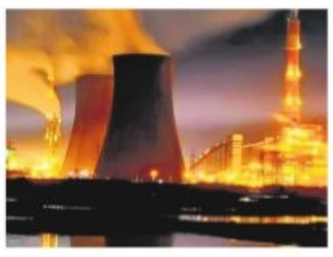
Earlier, the company had decided to take up its fossil fuel and renewable generation mix to 50:50 by 2032

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

IN a shift from its policy of adding only green energy capacity, state-owned NTPC is planning to expand its coal-fired power generation capacity, first time in the past six years.

The company's decision to expand coal-based plant capacities came at a time when the country is witnessing excess power demand.

The company had earlier decided to set up only greenfield renewable capacities. NTPC is also planning to award contracts for two previously stalled expansion projects. According to the power generator, it will



award a contract to construct a 1,320-megawatt coal-fired supercritical plant in Talcher, Odisha, in May. In Talcher, the company is reviving one of its oldest plants, a 460 MW unit that was shut in March last year after 54 years.

This is the first time in past six years when NTPC is inviting bids for new coal-fired capacity. Earlier, the power generator had decided to take up its fossil fuel and renewable generation mix to 50:50 by 2032 from the present share of fossil fuel of nearly 80%. According to the reports, the company at Lara in Chhattisgarh has planned to increase coal-based power generation capacity to 4,000 MW with an investment of more than ₹20,000 crore, which is now operating at just 1600 MW. So, it may look at adding three more units of 800 MW here. It would replace its existing 2,000 MW capacity with a new plant.

India's coal production increased by 28% in April, says ministry

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE coal ministry on Tuesday said that India's coal production in April was up by 28% to 66.1 million tonnes. According to the provisional data, while the total offtake was 70.8 MT during the month, the power sector offtake touched 61.7 MT in April. At the same time, coal supplies to the power sector from Coal India (CIL) alone stood at 49.7 MT. The ministry further said CIL and its subsidiaries produced 534.7 lakh tonne coal, while production by Singareni Collieries Company Ltd (SCCL) stood at 53.23 lakh tonne and output from captive mines touched 73.61 lakh tonnes during last month. Coal India has achieved the highest production of 534.7 lakh tonne during April, indicating a 6.02% growth. The previous highest ever production was recorded during April, 2019 having attained a production of 450.29 Lakh tonne.

ASIANOMICS

HONG KONG

Q1 GDP SHRINKS MORE THAN EXPECTED ON COVID CURBS

Hong Kong's economy contracted in the first quarter of this year as the city imposed its most stringent restrictions to curb an outbreak of COVID-19 that has battered business, led to an exodus of people and overshadowed the outlook for growth. The financial centre's economy shrank 4% in the first quarter from a year earlier, breaking four quarters of growth, amid weak performance in both domestic and external demand, the government said. That compares with revised growth of 4.7% in the fourth quarter and forecasts for a 1.2% decline by DBS and 1.3% drop by Standard Chartered for the first quarter. On a quarterly basis, the economy shrank by a seasonally adjusted 2.9% in January-March. Hong Kong's economy is expected to grow 2.0% to 3.5% this year after expanding 6.4% in 2021, with underlying inflation at 2%. "The global economy will continue to face significant challenges in the near term," a government spokesman said in a statement, adding that improving the local epidemic situation and government support measures should help lift domestic demand for the remainder of the year. Hong Kong's borders have essentially been closed since early 2020, with few flights landing and hotel quarantine for arrivals damping demand, as the city follows mainland China in implementing a "dynamic zero" coronavirus strategy that aims to curb all outbreaks.

SOUTH KOREA

INFLATION HITS 13-YR HIGH, FANS RATE LIKELY

South Korea's consumer inflation quickened far more than forecast and hit a more than 13-year high in April, boosting expectations in the bond market for more central bank interest rate rises this year. The Statistics Korea data showed the consumer price index (CPI) rose 4.8% in April from a year before, speeding up from a 4.1% rise in the previous month. The yield on the benchmark 10-year treasury bonds rose as much as 5.4 bps to 3.426%, the highest since May 14, 2014, as the inflation data cemented the case for continued policy tightening. The Bank of Korea (BOK) convened an internal meeting of officials to review the inflation data and the presiding deputy governor stressed the need for authorities to manage inflation expectations. Core inflation, which measures price growth excluding energy and food, sped up modestly to 3.1% on a year-on-year basis in April from 2.9% in March and marked their highest since May 2009. South Korea's central bank last month raised its benchmark interest rate by 25 bps to 1.50% in a surprise move as it ramped up the fight against inflation.

JAPAN

BOJ SAYS FUEL DRIVEN GAINS TO UP JAPAN INFLATION

Japan's consumer inflation will continue to face upward pressure later this year from rising electricity bills and food prices, as the recent surge in commodity prices hits the economy with a lag, the central bank said on Monday. As Japanese utilities set electricity bills based on the average import cost several months before, the upward pressure from rising energy costs will continue to prop up consumer inflation in the second half of the fiscal year that began in April, the Bank of Japan (BOJ) said. The recent rise in input costs could also boost food prices further as more companies pass on costs to households, the BOJ said in the full version of its quarterly outlook report. Japan's core consumer prices rose at the fastest pace in more than two years in March, raising worries higher energy and food costs could increasingly take a toll on households' purchasing power. In an outline of the report released on Thursday, the central bank revised up this fiscal year's inflation forecast but projected price growth to moderate in the following year as the impact of recent fuel price gains dissipate.

Adani Wilmar buys Kohinoor to strengthen food business

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

ADANI WILMAR (AWL) on Tuesday acquired Kohinoor rice, a move that will strengthen its position in the branded staples food business.

The acquisition would give AWL exclusive rights over the brand 'Kohinoor' basmati rice along with 'ready to cook', 'ready to eat' curries and meals portfolio under the Kohinoor Brand umbrella in India.

The edible oils major in a statement said the addition of Kohinoor's domestic brand portfolio will strengthen Adani Wilmar's leadership position in the food FMCG category by augmenting a strong product basket with premium brand along with potential to scale value added products.

"It also leverages the reach of Kohinoor brand to drive synergies for AWL across geographies and complements the reach of its flagship brand 'Fortune' in the food FMCG domain," it said.

Even as FMCG firms are struggling with squeezed margins, Adani Wilmar is in a sweet spot among its peers because of its hold on the edible oil supply chain. The company, with its focus on edible oil, is the largest edible oil maker in India and 'Fortune' oil contributes close to 80% of its revenues. Edible oil contributed nearly 84% toward its top-line for the year; At ₹45,401 cr, sales of edible oils segment jumped 47.3% YoY from ₹30,818 cr in FY2020-21. The firm on Monday reported a 46% increase in its revenues in its first results since its debut on the stock exchanges earlier this year. Interestingly, the company had taken the top spot in the FMCG sector reporting a ₹54,214 crore revenue from operations.

LIC IPO hit among anchor investors, co raises ₹5,627 cr

RAM SAHGAL @ Mumbai

LIC raised ₹5627 crore from 123 anchor investors at the upper price band of ₹949 apiece, signalling strong demand from global and domestic institutions.

Of the 5.93 crore equity shares allotted to the anchor investors , 4.21 crore shares or 71.12% was allocated to 15 domestic mutual funds through 99 schemes.

SBI Equity Hybrid Fund with 9.22% of the anchor portion, ICICI Prudential Value Discovery Fund (3.91%) , SBI Balanced Advantage Fund (3.64%) , HDFC Trustee Company (3.55%) were among the prominent MFs.

Prominent global investors included BNP Investments Ltd (8%) , Norway's Government Pension Fund Global (4%) and Government of Singapore (2.7%) . According to sources the value bid by anchor investors was over Rs 7000 crore but this couldn't be independently verified.

The anchor investor bidding at the upper band ascribes a value of ₹61akh cr to the insurer, whose IPO of ₹21000 cr is the largest to date. The price band for the issue , which runs from May 4-9, is ₹902-949. Listing is expected on May 17.

The offer size was reduced from 5% to 3.5% in light of the prevailing market conditions amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine, which caused oil to jump to multi-year highs and an FII sell-off from markets .

Following the invasion in late February, FIIs offloaded shares worth $ 5.4 bn in March and $ 2.23 bn in April.

Of the 22.13 crore shares on offer , 50% is reserved for qualified institutional bidders, 15% for non institutional bidders and 35% for retail investors.

Lead anchor investors

- SBI Equity Hybrid fund: **₹519 cr, 9.22%**
- BNP Investment: **₹450 cr, 8%**
- Govt Pension Fund Global: **₹225 cr, 4%**
- ICICI Prodential Value Discovery fund: **₹220 cr, 3.9%**

(*% of total investment)

Adani Transmission to raise ₹3,850 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

ADANI Transmission will raise ₹3,850 crore by issuing 1.56 crore preference shares to Abu Dhabi-based fund Green Transmission Investment Holding RSC Ltd. The company has received shareholders' approval for the fund raise.

"At an extra-ordinary general meeting convened on Tuesday, shareholders approved the issuance of equity shares on preferential basis to Green Transmission Investment Holding RSC Ltd," said the company in an exchange filing. Currently, IHC Capital Holding is the principal shareholder of Green Transmission. In a separate filing, the firm said it executed a share subscription agreement on Monday with Green Transmission.

INDIA'S APRIL MERCHANDISE

India's exports rise by 24.22% to $38 billion in April, trade deficit up

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S merchandise exports in April stood at $38.19 billion, 24.22% more than in the same period last year, as per the provisional data released by commerce ministry. However, sequentially the merchandise exports fell from March's exports of ₹42.22 billion.

Meanwhile, the country's merchandise import in April 2022 stood at ₹58.26 billion, an increase of 26.55% over ₹46.04 billion in April 2021. Imports in March were marginally lower at $60.74 billion. The trade deficit in April 2022 widened to $20.07 billion. Import of petroleum and crude products comprised 33.5% of imports in April. In value terms, $19.51 billion of these products were imported last month, registering a growth of 81.2% over last year.

"The increase in the merchandise trade deficit from $ 15.3 billion in April 2021 to $20.1 billion in April 2022 was entirely on account of oil. Although the non-oil trade deficit remained stable, there was a shift in its composition, with a plunge in gold imports being offset by a rise in non-oil non-gold imports such as coal and chemicals, an unsavoury yet expected fallout of the higher commodity prices engendered by the Russia-Ukraine conflict," said Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist, ICRA.

Value of non-petroleum exports in April 2022 was at $30.46 billion, registering a positive growth of 12.32% over non-petroleum exports of $27.12 billion in April 2021. "Value of non-petroleum and non-gems and jewellery exports in April was $27.16 billion, registering a growth of 14.38% over non-petroleum and non-gems and jewellery exports of $23.74 billion in April 2021," the release said.

Jewellery shops see heavy footfalls on Akshaya Tritiya

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

A 4.2% decline in gold prices and an element of revenge buying have resulted in heavy footfalls in jewellery shops across the country, which could result in volume growth this Akshaya Tritiya, pipping that during the pre-Covid year of 2019 , according to trade estimates .

The price of 24 carat gold (ex-GST) has declined from ₹53,388 per 10 gram on April 18 to ₹51,130 on May 2 .

"The sharp fall in prices over the past few days is resulting in good demand for gold jewellery and coins across the country, our feedback shows , with growth in volumes even over Akshaya Tritiya of 2019," said Suvankar Sen , MD & CEO of

Senco Gold & Diamonds . Sen declined to spell out exact figures as the company has just filed draft offer papers with Sebi .

Leading trade body , India Bullion & Jewellers Association (IBJA) , whose rates are used to price sovereign gold bonds , estimates volumes of 23 tonnes this Akshay Tritiya , up 20% from that in 2019 , given the "significant price fall," according to IBJA national secretary Surendra Mehta .

The rough volume growth estimate TNIE got from jewellers and trade experts across the country was 5-7% to 15-20% .

"The higher traction this Akshaya Tritiya could be owing to the lower volatility in gold prices over the past week, further aided by revenge shopping and today's (May 3) festival holiday," said Ramesh Kalyanaraman, ED of the listed Kalyan Jewellers. "While an uptick in sales in the southern markets was expected, the response from the non-south markets has also been extremely encouraging. We are encouraged by the significant increase in footfall, sales volume and value, even when compared to the pre-pandemic days of 2019."

Jewellers said the last two years' demand trends are not comparable due to Covid-led disruption.

Popular household jeweller across Mumbai , Goa and Indore Waman Hari Pethe's Aditya Pethe said his stores were "booming" with customer orders and he expected 10-15% volume growth across his stores from 2019.

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> —Suvankar Sen , MD & CEO of Senco Gold & Diamonds

EXPRESS READ

CR Asia announces rebranding its name to CR3

New Delhi: CR Asia Group announced a rebranding of its name to CR3, along with a new corporate logo. "CR3 will continue to build on the group's reputation for excellence in energy engineering solutions while pursuing future opportunities in the energy transition to a lower carbon economy," the company said in a statement. "The CR3 brand and logo will replace the CR Asia name used in the past on our organization, operations, and logo." ENS

Prudent Advisory files draft IPO papers with Sebi

New Delhi: Retail wealth management firm Prudent Corporate Advisory Services has filed preliminary papers with capital markets regulator Sebi to raise funds through an initial public offering. According to the Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP), the public issue is entirely an Offer for Sale (OFS) of 85,49,340 equity shares by the selling shareholders. As part of the OFS, selling shareholders -- Wagner Ltd, an entity of TA Associates, will offload 82,81,340 equity shares. PTI

Toplyne raises $15 million in Series-A, led by Tiger Global

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

SAAS platform Toplyne on Tuesday announced that it has raised $15 million in Series A funding round led by Tiger Global and Sequoia Capital India, with participation from existing investors Together Fund, Sequoia India's Surge and angel investors from Canva, Vercel and Zoominfo.

Toplyne in November 2021 raised $2.5 million in seed round and from then on the company onboarded several marquee customers. The start-up will use the funding to deliver on the product roadmap, and scale the data science, engineering, product and design teams. It is a technology start-up that lets Growth teams at product-led SaaS companies monetise their product-led growth by increasing conversions within their freemium user base. Ruchin Kulkarni, Co-founder at Toplyne, said, "It's an interesting time to be a monetisation software. SaaS multiples are at all-time lows.

Acquisitions are complementing our offerings, says Wipro CEO

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

IT major Wipro has been making significant investments - both organic and inorganic.

In April alone, it acquired two companies - Convergence Acceleration Solutions (CAS), a US-based consulting and program management company for $80 million and Rizing, a global SAP consulting firm, for $540 million.

When asked about the IT company's inorganic growth plan in FY23 during Q4 earnings conference, Thierry Delaporte, CEO and Managing Director, Wipro said, there is absolute focus on organic growth and that will not change. "Our M&A strategy is actually not focused on adding volume. It is acquisitions that are complementing our set of offerings and really allowing us to have a bigger play with our customers," he said.

He added that they do not have a number to hit for the year (in terms of number of acquisitions), and that acquisitions bring "fabulous addition of consulting capabilities in some cases or domain expertise" to the company's offerings.

Late last year, the company acquired Edgile, a cybersecurity firm, for $230 million and LeanSwift, a US-headquartered system integrator of Infor Products, for $21 million. One of the strategic acquisitions of Wipro is Capco, a global management and technology consultancy firm, and it has been one year since the IT major acquired the company.

"Capco has had a very healthy double-digit growth this year. They're ahead of plan and together we have had over 60 synergy wins across markets," the IT firm's CEO said during the earnings call.

Wipro has been making strategic deals, and Delaporte said, "We are looking at firms that have strong brand, not necessarily large firms."

Wipro acquisitions in recent years

Bengaluru: Last year, the company acquired Edgile for $230 million and LeanSwift for $21 million. One of the strategic acquisitions of Wipro is Capco, a global management and technology consultancy firm

Q4 EARNINGS

Adani Ent revenue jumps 84%

New Delhi: Gautam Adani-owned Adani Enterprises have made most of the high global coal prices as it posts an 84% growth in revenue in the fourth quarter of 2021-22 on a consolidated basis. It posted ₹24,866 cr in January-March 2022 quarter compared to ₹13,525 cr in the same quarter previous year Attributable net profit increased by 30% to ₹304 cr compared to Rs 234 crore in the year-ago period. The company's operating profit (EBITDA) in the fourth quarter of 2021-22 increased by 44% to ₹1,538 cr. ENS

Titan net profit falls 7% in Q4

New Delhi: Tata group firm Titan on Tuesday posted a 7.21% decline in its consolidated net profit at ₹527 crore in Q4FY22. It had posted a net profit of ₹568 crore in the same quarter last year, Titan said in a regulatory filing. Its total income was up 4.25% to ₹7,872 crore during the period under review as against ₹7,551 crore in the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal. The company's revenue from sales of products was down 1.14% to ₹7,267 crore in the fourth quarter of FY22 as against ₹7,351 crore a year ago. ENS

Tata Steel net profit up 37% to ₹9,835 cr

New Delhi: Tata Steel on Tuesday reported a 37% jump in consolidated net profit at ₹9,835.12 crore in the fourth quarter of FY22, mainly on account of higher income. The steel major had reported a net profit of ₹7,161.91 crore in the year-ago quarter, it said in a BSE filing. During January-March 2022, Tata Steel's total income jumped to ₹69,615.70 crore from ₹50,300.55 crore earlier. Total expenses rose to Rs 57,635.79 crore from ₹40,102.97 crore in the January-March period of 2020-21. ENS

Hero MotoCorp net drops 30% to ₹621 cr

New Delhi: Hero MotoCorp on Tuesday said its consolidated profit after tax (PAT) declined by 30% to ₹621 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 2022 on account of lower sales. The country's largest two-wheeler maker had reported a PAT of ₹885 crore in the January-March quarter of 2020-21 fiscal. Revenue from operations declined to Rs 7,497 crore as against ₹8,690 crore in the fourth quarter of FY21, Hero MotoCorp said in a regulatory filing. Its total sales in Q4 FY22 stood at 11.9 lakh units, a drop of 24% from 15.68 lakh units in the year-ago period. PTI

O'Sullivan wins record-tying 7th world snooker title

Ronnie O'Sullivan finally got to No 7. Widely regarded as the most talented snooker player ever, O'Sullivan secured his status as the game's greatest by beating Judd Trump 18-13 to win a record-tying seventh world championship. "That's probably the greatest result I've ever had," O'Sullivan said after sharing a long, tearful embrace with Trump.

Tricky IOA election game to commence after High Court judgment

THERE had been some interesting arguments in the Delhi High Court regarding the composition of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), its constitution and elections. The hearing was over last month and the order has been reserved and is expected any moment. There has been quite an anxious wait not just among IOA members but also administrators across all sports.

Going by the arguments, hearing and the recommendations made by former sports secretary, Injeti Srinivas, who was appointed by the HC to assist administrator, retired judge Rajiv Sahai Endlaw, sweeping changes are expected. Srinivas was entrusted with the job of submitting those recommendations on the 13 points raised by senior advocate Rahul Mehra, who has been repeatedly saying that IOA constitution was not aligned with the sports code. The two-judge bench of Manmohan J and Nazmi Waziri heard both the parties and the order was reserved on April 12.

The rivalry between IOA president and secretary general is out in the open. Its bitterness has spilled over to National Sports Federations (NSFs) and State Olympic Associations too. There were interesting representation from the secretary general's side. In an order dated 23.03.2022, the HC listed out the substance of secretary general's argument. One such point is about the restrictive clause. "The restrictive clause 11.1.3 of the IOA Constitution should be read down. He refers to the affidavit of the Government of India and other documents in support of this contention," said the order. And the other two points that seemed interesting were: "Any office bearer seeking re-election would have to mandatorily secure a majority of 2/3rd of the votes." And, "An individual against whom charges have been framed will be ineligible to hold any post of the IOA." The IOA president is seeking re-election and 2/3rd majority is never easy.

In the last order, dated 22.04-2022, the court's written observations stood out. Under para 6 it said, "The IOA 'President' has

sought to convene a Special GBM even when judgment has been reserved in the writ petition which covers issues concerning the Constitution of the IOA, as well as Members of its GBM who may or may not be eligible to vote or participate in a GBM." This indicates that under the new constitution, some members could be ineligible to contest. The court also said, "The term of IOA's Management Committee has already expired on 14th December 2021."

Things could get more complicated as the Commonwealth (July-August) and Asian Games (September) draw closer. Though selection and sending athletes should not be an issue, but there could be issues regarding officials representing the IOA. There are indications that an administrator would be appointed under whose supervision the changes in constitution would be initiated and the elections would be held.

Yet, even after the court order, changes would take time. A Special General Body or a general body meeting would be called to change the constitution and then a general body meeting needs to be called for elections. Thirty days are required for a general body meeting. The electoral college would be redrafted according to the new constitution.

Perhaps it would be prudent to have one vote for those NSFs that are affiliated to international federations and part of the Olympics programme and maybe half or no vote for non-Olympic NSFs. This could prevent cross voting when there are more than one vote. For example, take the case of the present IOA. If there is no consensus among members, there is every possibility that one person may vote for the president while another votes for the secretary. Whether or not state units have voting rights needs to be seen. Differential voting rights may not be permitted and more sportspersons may get into IOA board. And of course, the jumbo executive council size could see pruning. International Olympic Committee executive board has one president, four vice presidents and 10 members. The IOA has 31: president 1, senior vice president 2, VP 9, secretary general 1, treasurer 1, joint secretary 6 and EC members 10 and athletes' representative 1.

Though the court has been reiterating that the elections should be conducted as early as possible, but there have been occasions when the process had taken more than six months. Under these circumstances this would mean after the Asian Games. Even if there is an executive council that's helping the administrators, things will not be easy.

RABADA SHOW RALLIES PUNJAB

South African pacer reaps reward with four-wicket haul, playing a major hand in team's eight-wicket win over Gujarat

SWAROOP SWAMINATAN @ Chennai

GUJARAT Titans have enjoyed chasing. Five matches. Five wins. Their middle-order (David Miller, Rashid Khan and Rahul Tewatia) averages 99.75, strikes at over 165, hits sixes in all areas against all bowlers and have been the side's magic workers at the death under the lights. But with qualification to the play-offs almost assured and a lot of spare games in the bank, Hardik Pandya wanted to test the battle-readiness of the franchise. So he became the first captain of the 2022 season to bat first in a night game. Their opponents, Punjab Kings, would have killed to have been in such a state of mind. With their gung-ho approach in tatters after a series of largely underwhelming performances with both bat and ball, they needed a win to resuscitate their campaign.

Resuscitate they did with a commanding performance with bat and ball to pick up their fifth win of the season.

Considering the stakes, it was only apt that their bowlers belatedly came to the fore on a surface where scoring freely was difficult. That Gujarat managed to hit only two sixes was an indication of this. At one point of time during the first innings, even the ones and twos required the batters to improvise. The passage of play, the six overs between the end of the powerplay and the start of the 13th over summed up the first 20 overs in a microcosm: 13 dots, 18 singles, 2 wickets and one boundary. In the end, they limped to 143/8, their worst score of the season so far.

Chasing down 144 was never going to be a problem even if Jonny Bairstow, promoted to open the batting, perished cheaply. Bhanuka Rajapaksa (40 off 28) provided the initial thrust before Liam Livingstone finished it off with 6, 6, 6, 4, 2, 4 in the 16th over to win the game with four overs and eight wickets to spare.

Coming back to the Gujarat innings, the target would have been smaller if not for Sai Sudharsan's gritty, unbeaten 65 off 50 balls. Sudharsan's knock will please the management because No 3 has been a sticky spot for them. If the southpaw can showcase the same nous going forward, it will further enhance Gujarat's chances of progressing in the tournament. If the 20-year-old was the glue that held the innings together, Punjab's Kagiso Rabada acted as the adhesive remover. The pacer is elite but not necessarily so in this format. He has frequently gone for plenty, especially at the death (economy of 9.38 at the death in IPL).

That aspect of his game was visible on Tuesday as well, Wriddhiman Saha took him for 20 runs off his first 10 deliveries. Then Rabada extracted additional bounce off the surface to account for the 'keeper. He then returned at the death to dismiss Rahul Tewatia and Rashid Khan. **Brief scores:** Gujarat 143/8 in 20 ovs (Sudharsan 65 n.o; Rabada 4/33) **lost to** Punjab 145/2 in 16 ovs (Dhawan 62 n.o).

VENUES CONFIRMED

The IPL final will be played in Ahmedabad on May 29 while the Women's T20 Challenge will be held in Pune from May 23-May 28, the BCCI confirmed on Tuesday. Kolkata will host Qualifier I and Eliminator on May 24 & 25.

Punjab's Kagiso Rabada (L) celebrates after dismissing Gujarat's Rashid Khan in the IPL on Tuesday | SPORTZPICS

TODAY'S MATCH

DESPERATE CSK SEEK VICTORY VS RCB

Defending champions will do their slim qualification chances a world of good if they can beat Royal Challengers Bangalore on Wednesday. A look...

BAT BOLD, EMPLOY SPINNERS

What made Chennai a gun side in 2021 was their gung-ho strategy with the bat coupled with employing spinners throughout the middle-overs, and sometime during the powerplay. They used this to perfection against Hyderabad to win that game and would look to do the same.

BANGALORE'S ACHILLES HEEL

While the side has the bowlers, their batters have let the side down in recent ties. They have lost their last three games, all thanks to iffy batting displays. Some attention will invariably be garnered by Virat Kohli, whose 50 was a welcome return to substantial run-scoring, even if it was slowish.

THE TWO LANKAN SPINNERS

As pitches get tired, the spinners have slowly gained a foothold. That trend will continue on Wednesday as two of Asia's best spinners (Maheesh Theekshana and Wanindu Hasaranga) in this format go head to head.

GLENN YET TO MAX

A strike rate of 178.40 for a middle-order bat is great, but Glenn Maxwell hasn't played a solid knock so far with just 157 runs in 7 innings. With RCB losing their last three games, they need their big show to step up and deliver.

3 BANGALORE HAVE LOST THEIR LAST THREE GAMES

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS, @7.30 PM, PUNE

With pitches wearing down, can CSK keep hopes alive?

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

IN a season where few things have gone right for them so far, that Chennai Super Kings are not yet out of the reckoning for play-offs in itself feels huge. It looked a formality a fortnight back and it still looks like only a matter of time, but with the pitches getting slower across venues, it gives the defending champs a bit of hope.

It is still a slightest of hope, one which would require Chennai to win all their remaining five fixtures, but one which isn't impossible. After four successive defeats to start their campaign, the wins against Royal Challengers Bangalore, Mumbai Indians and Sunrisers Hyderabad has kept them alive by the thinnest of margins. And as the tournament heads into the business end, where momentum tends to play a huge role, with the pitches beginning to assist their style of play, Chennai could still make it through.

Their remaining five fixtures are against Bangalore, Delhi Capitals, Mumbai, Gujarat Titans and Rajasthan Royals – four of them who are still in contention for play-offs. While it is not going to be any easy means, Chennai will be more than happy with the way the pitches are beginning to show wear and tear. They are one side, which rely heavily on home advantage and plan their auction strategy around it, where their first XI is more suited to the conditions at the MA Chidambaram Stadium. A venue, that historically aides spinners, one where visiting teams often struggle on the slow, low pitches; where even totals of 160 can be match-winning. Chennai have used it to their advantage in the past - field three spinners and choke the opponent is their strategy on such wickets.

And after struggling in the initial phase against supremely better batting-heavy teams, if the pitches continue to remain slow, Chennai have the possibility to remain in contention, provided they keep winning their matches.

After struggling with the ball, Chennai seem to be getting their ball bearing back and the spin trio of Mitchell Santner, Ravindra Jadeja and Maheesh Theekshana could well be their trump card on such surfaces along with Dwayne Bravo.

Since April 22, when Rajasthan and Delhi posted excess of 200, there have been only five scores of 180-plus at the Wankhede. At DY Patil Stadium, 161 is the highest total conceded in the last three matches and 174 being the highest at Brabourne.

Within the team, they have managed to keep their mood upbeat, and amidst the captaincy switch, the message remains rather simple. "Follow the process." Chennai don't need to look far for inspiration. Last season, their opponent in the final — Kolkata Knight Riders — showed it is possible, scripting a memorable turnaround after having just two wins from the first seven matches. Chennai have three wins from nine matches so far, if they manage to win their remaining five, it will take them to 16 points.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

NRAI to fund 14 non-Oly event shooters for WC

NEW DELHI: The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) has decided to fund 14 non-Olympic event shooters for the upcoming ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany. India will be fielding a 51-strong contingent in the event, which is set to take place in the German city from May 9-20. The likes of Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary will be taking part in the event.

Hockey: Pooja to lead state women's team

BENGALURU: Pooja MD is set to lead Karnataka state senior women's team in the Hockey India senior women National championship, scheduled in Bhopal from May 6-17. Karnataka have been placed in Pool F alongside Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu, Hockey Arunachal, and Hockey Andaman and Nicobar. Verghese John is the coach.

Junior lifters keep up impressive show

NEW DELHI: Indian weightlifters — Gyaneshwari Yadav and V Rithika — won three silver and two bronze medals, respectively, in the 49 kg weight category at the IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships in Heraklion, Greece. Harshada Garud (45kg) had opened India's account with a bang earlier, becoming first-ever junior world champ from country in the sport.

United victory takes sting out of fan protest

MANCHESTER: Manchester United took the sting out of their fans' latest protest against the Glazer family as they eased to a 3-0 win against Brentford on Monday. Ahead of a summer of change for troubled United, Ralf Rangnick's side won for just the second time in seven games to keep the atmosphere from turning toxic at Old Trafford. This was United's final game of the season at home.

Real nail-biter on cards

After one of the games of the season last week, Real Madrid and Manchester City go head-to-head once again in the second leg of the Champions League semifinals with the match hanging in balance. Talking points...

Man City manager Pep Guardiola (c) oversees a training session on Tuesday

CAN MADRID DO IT AGAIN AT HOME?

Real, who clinched La Liga crown on Saturday, have had significant results at the Bernabeu this season. The first was against PSG, when they rallied in the second-half to advance. Against Chelsea, it was more or less the same tale. However, City will be a different opposition. Considered to be one of the best sides in the world, City, who have never won the CL, will be hungrier and eager to not fall into Real trap.

CASEMIRO RETURN A BIG BOOST

The midfielder, who is known for his defensive prowess, was sorely missed by Real in the first leg as they conceded four. Having featured in Real's recent domestic tie, his presence could lift the team. However, defender David Alaba is unlikely to feature and that could prove to be a big miss. Veteran striker Karim Benzema, who has been unstoppable this season, will also have a say on the match.

ISSUES AT THE BACK

Like Real, City also have had to adjust their backline in recent times due to injuries. Kyle Walker, who is considered to be one of the best right-backs, is likely to miss out. John Stones is also doubtful for the tie. However, City will welcome back Joao Cancelo, who missed the opening leg due to suspension. It goes without saying City defenders will have to be switched on throughout against a dangerous side like Real.

CAN DE BRUYNE FIRE CITY?

The midfielder has continued with his high standards this season and has stepped up during big games. Having not played in the recent domestic match, De Bruyne will be expected to be fresh and as dangerous as always. If he is on song, Real could have a long night. Eyebrows were raised when Gabriel Jesus started in the first leg, but the Brazilian repaid manager's faith by scoring an early goal. As City will be looking for an early goal to settle their nerves, a goal from either of these two could propel them

17 Real Madrid are looking to enter Euro Cup/UEFA CL final for the 17th time while City will play in their second final if they advance.

FIRST LEG: MAN CITY 4-3 REAL MADRID | LIVE ON SONY PICTURES SPORTS NETWORK @ 12:30 AM

Jain University clinch overall title

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

AFTER ten days of eventful action across 20 disciplines, the second edition of the Khelo India University Games came to a close at the Sree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium on Tuesday. The ceremony, which was attended by the Union Minister for Home Affairs Amit Shah, Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur and Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai among others, witnessed some cultural events, and felicitation of the country's men and women hockey team during the event.

Overall, it was Jain University, who bagged the overall title with 20 gold medals (seven silver, five bronze) while Lovely Professional University managed 17 gold (15 silver, 19 bronze) against their name to finish second. Jain University swimmer Siva Sridhar collected nine gold and two silver, helping him become the most successful athlete in the Games.

"I am glad we made the decision to host the second edition of the Khelo India University Games in Bengaluru this year. I can say with utmost pride that despite the Covid-19 pandemic, the KIUG 2021 has been an outstanding and very successful event," said Thakur.

Earlier during the day, there was some action in football and kabaddi. MG University beat University of Kerala 2-0 to win gold in the latter while in kabaddi, University of Kota and Kurukshetra University won gold in the men and women competition respectively.

Union Minister for Home Affairs Amit Shah (C), Karnataka CM Basavaraj Bommai (L) & Sports Minister Anurag Thakur during the KIUG Closing Ceremony | VINOD KUMAR T

BLACK ATTIRE ISSUE

However, it was not smooth sailing for some of the invitees, who were told to remove their black masks before entering the ceremony venue. The pain did not end there as some of the media personnel had to show their KIUG accreditation, closing ceremony passes and even their office IDs to the policemen. It is learnt that some other people also faced similar hurdles before reaching the indoor stadium as well.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Smt. G.K. Ramamani C/o. Sri.N.Ramanjinappa, R/at. # 163, 9th Cross, Yogeshwara Layout, Bidadi, Bidadi hobli, Ramanagara Thaluk and District-562 109. Moblie No. 9900246476, Property bearing Khaneshmari No.1480:832:163, measuring East to West:30 feet and North to South:40 feet, totally measuring 1200 square feet, situated at Yogeshwara Layout, Bidadi, Bidadi hobli, Ramanagara Thaluk, Ramanagara District. Vacant site has registered in my name under Registered Sale deed vide Document No. RMN-1-01771/2007-08 stored in CD No. RMND58 registered on 18/06/2007 at Office of the Sub-Registrar, Ramanagara. Earlier this site has been purchased by Mr.H.R.Venkatesh from Mr.C.P.Yogeshwara under registered sale deed dated:26/05/2003 vide Book-I, Volume:2069, Pages:176-179, Registration Document No. 3508/2002-03, on 26/04/2022 it has been given Xerox shop at Bidadi at that time Mother deed i.e. 3508/2002-03 had lost. In this regard I have lodged complaint before Bidadi Police Station, Ramanagara Thaluk-562 109 to trace the mother deed of sale deed. They have registered complaint vide NCR No.581/2022 on 27/04/2022, Therefore I am requesting if any one finds the Original Mother deed i.e.3508/2002-03 document please return it to aforesaid addressed person.

G.K. Ramamani
Mobile No. 9900246476

IN THE COURT OF THE VI ADDL. FAMILY JUDGE AT BANGALORE

M.C. No. 6078/2021

BETWEEN: Sri. Ajay Khanna ...Petitioner
AND
Smt. Sameeta Khanna ...Respondent

SUMMONS TO THE RESPONDENT

To, Respondent
Smt. Sameetha Khanna, D/o. Late Col. S.S. Santh, Aged about 62 years, R/at 104/3SFS, Saket, New Delhi - 110017.

Whereas the above named Petitioner instituted a suit against you under section 13 (1) (i-a) (i-b) of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 for the relief of Decree of Divorce dissolving the marriage dated 02.04.1987.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this court **on 06.07.2022 at 11.00 a.m.** in person or through Advocate / pleader to answer the question to the same, failing which the suit will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, on 5th April 2022.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Family Court, Bengaluru.
Mrs. Greeshma R. Gowda,
Advocate for Petitioner
TSA Legal, No. 50, 3rd Floor, Church Street, Bengaluru - 560 001.

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PARAS

NOTICE INFORMING ABOUT SALE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF SECURITY INTEREST(ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

To: 01. M/s. Hi Tech Leather Garments India, Private Limited Rep. by its Managing Director: Mr. K.L.Nagendra, S/o Late Sri Lingappaiah, No.39/5, 7th Main Road, Govardhan Garden, Yelachenahalli Industrial Area, BENGALURU-560062. Also at: **M/s.Hi Tech Leather Garments India Private Limited Rep.by its Managing Director Mr. K.L.Nagendra, S/o Late Sri Lingappaiah,** No.18, Srinivas Industrial Estate, Kanakapura Road, KONANA KUNTE Post, BENGALURU-560062. **02. Mrs. Janhavi Nagendra, W/o K.L.Nagendra, Director, Hi Tech Leather Garments India Private Limited,** No.113, 29th Cross, 12th Main, Banashankari 1st Stage, BENGALURU-560070. **03. Mr. K.L.Nagendra, S/o Late Sri Lingappaiah, Managing Director, Hi Tech Leather Garments Bangalore Pvt. Ltd.,** No.113, 29th Cross, 12th Main, Banashankari 1st Stage, BENGALURU-560070. **04. Mr. K.N.Gopinath, S/o K.N.Nagesh Rao,** Door No.1916, 31st Cross, 35th Cross Road, Banashankari-II Stage, BENGALURU-560070.

Sub: Sale of security held in the NPA account of M/s. Hitech Leather Garments Bangalore Pvt. Ltd. for Realisation of dues under the provisions of SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (ACT 54 OF 2002)

The debt of M/s. Hi Tech Leather Garments Bangalore Pvt Ltd., under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 has been assigned by erstwhile State Bank of Travancore to **M/s. Pridhvi Asset Reconstruction and Securitisation Company Limited** vide Assignment Agreement dated 29.09.2015.

Please refer to our **Demand Notice dated 15.06.2020** under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 demanding payment of **Rs.25,23,37,601/- (Rupees Twenty Five Crores Twenty Three Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Six Hundred and One only)** as on 31.05.2020, along with further interest, charges etc, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the notice, which you have failed to complywith.

Whereas the Authorised Officer of **M/s. Pridhvi Asset Reconstruction and Securitisation Co Ltd. (PARAS)** in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec 13(4) of the Act, has taken possession of the schedule property on 06.10.2021 and even after taking possession of the property, you have not paid the amount due to the Company.

As such, it has become necessary to sell the schedule property by inviting tenders / by public auction as per the following Auction Schedule.

Auction Schedule

Date of Auction	Time and Place of Auction	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit
12.07.2022	At 11.30AM	Rs.195.00 Lakhs	Rs.19.50 Lakhs

Further details of the auction will be informed through a Sale Notice which shall be issued separately and the property will be sold to the highest bidder/s.

We therefore once again call upon all of you to pay the outstanding dues of **Rs.33,61,56,826/- (Rupees Thirty Three Crores Sixty One Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Six only)** ason 31.03.2022 alongwith further interest and charges within 30 days from the date of this notice, failing which, please note that we will be constrained to proceed with the sale of the schedule properties as above as per the provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002.

Please note that in terms of Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI ACT, you have the right to get your property redeemed at any time by paying the outstanding dues before the date of publication of the Sale Notice only.

S.No.	Description of property - Belonging to Sri K.N.Gopinath
1.	All that house property bearing No. 1916, 31st Cross Road, 9th Main Road, Banashankari Second Stage, Division No. 52 (A) Bangalore, measuring East to West: 40'-0" or 12.19 Mtrs, North to South: 60'-0" or 18.28 mtrs in all 222.84 Sq.Mtrs or 2400 sft., **bounded by: East:** Property No.1915, **West:** Property No.1917, **North:** Property No.1920 & 1921, **South:** Road.

Date: 29.04.2022
Place: Hyderabad
Sd/- (K.V.Ramakrishna Prasad)
Authorised Officer & Vice President

STATE BANK OF INDIA

SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES CENTER
"AIRAV" FIRST FLOOR, 576/B, SERVICE ROAD, HSR 6TH SECTOR, BANGALORE-560068

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (For Immovable Property)

A/c No. 37958372411, 39392710753, 37966558974 & 39340077057

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorised officer of **State Bank of India** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **01.02.2022** U/s 13(2) of the said Act calling upon the borrower **Mr. Sampangi Ramaiah, Proprietor, M/s. KRS Polypack,** # 14/4, Karpur Village, Besthamanahalli post, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560 106. **And Mr. Ramesh R** S/o Ramaiah(Guarantor), # 152, Karpur, Kasba Circle, Anekal 560 106, Bangalore., to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **of Rs. 13,21,534/-** (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Twenty One Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Four only) as on **30.01.2022** with future interest & expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers/Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/ Mortgagers(s) as well as the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of Act read with rules 8 of the said rules on this **29.04.2022.**

The Borrowers/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property(s) and any dealings with the property(s) will be subject to the charge of the **STATE BANK OF INDIA, SMEC,HSR 6th Sector, Bangalore-560068** for an amount of **Rs.13,71,381/-** (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty One only) as on **18.04.2022** and with further interest and expenses, charges thereon.

The Borrowers/Mortgagors attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing survey No.14/4, Karpoor Village, Besthamanahalli Post, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560 106 consisting of 13 sites: **1.** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 2, E Khata and Property No. 150200100300200316 & 312/288/2 msg East to West 17.3736 mtrs, North to South 7.9248 mts, **bounded on: East:** Anekal Attibele Main Road, **West:** Site No. 3, **North:** Site Nos. 8 & 9 and **South:** Site No. 1.

2. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 3, E Khata and Property No. 150200100300200317 & 313/289/3 msg East to West 13.2588 mtrs, North to South 16.0022 mts, **bounded on: East:** Site Nos. 1 & 2, **West:** Site No. 4, **North** Site Nos. 7 and **South:** Karpur approach Road.

3. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 4, E Khata and Property No. 150200100300200318 & 314/290/4 msg East to West 12.954 mtrs, North to South 8.8392 mts, **bounded on: East:** Site No. 3, **West:** Site No. 5, **North** Site Nos. 6 and **South:** Karpur approach Road.

4. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 5, E Khata and Property No. 150200100300200319 & 315/291/5 msg East to West 12.954 mtrs, North to South 10.9728 mts, **bounded on: East:** Site No. 4 & 6, **West:** Land of Karagada Beerappa, **North:** 15 feet Road and **South:** Karpur approach Road.

5. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 6, E Khata and Property No. 150200100300200320 & 316/292/6 msg East to West 12.192 mtrs, North to South 9.144 mts, **bounded on: East:** Site No. 7, **West:** Site No. 5, **North:** 15 feet Road and **South:** Site No.4.

6. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 7, E Khata and Property No. 150200100300200321 & 317/293/7 msg East to West 12.192 mtrs, North to South 9.144 mts, **bounded on: East:** Site No. 8, **West:** Site No. 6, **North:** 15 feet Road and **South:** Site No.3.

7. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 8, E Khata and Property No. 150200100300200322 & 318/294/8 msg East to West 12.192 mtrs, North to South 9.144 mts, **bounded on: East:** Site No. 9, **West:** Site No. 7, **North:** 15 feet Road and **South:** Site No.2.

8. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 9, E Khata and Property No. 150200100300200323 & 319/295/9 msg East to West 9.2964 mtrs, North to South 9.906 mts, **bounded on:East:** Anekal Attibele Main Road, **West:** Site No. 8, **North:** 15 feet Road and **South:** Site No.2.

9. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 10, E Khata and Property No. 150200100300200324 & 320/296/10 msg East to West 15.24 mtrs, North to South 9.906 mts, **bounded on: East:** Anekal Attibele Main Road, **West:** Site No. 11, **North:** Kodige Thimmarayappa's Land and **South:** 15 feet Road.

10. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 11, E Khata and Property No. 150200100300200325 & 321/297/11 msg East to West 12.192 mtrs, North to South 9.144 mts, **bounded on: East:** Site No. 10, **West:** Site No. 12, **North:** Kodige Thimmarayappa's Land and **South:** 15 feet Road.

11. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 12, E Khata and Property No. 150200100300200326 & 322/298/12 msg East to West 12.192 mtrs, North to South 9.144 mts, **bounded on: East:** Site No. 11, **West:** Site No. 13, **North:** Kodige Thimmarayappa's Land and **South:** 15 feet Road.

12. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 13, E Khata and Property No. 150200100300200327 & 323/299/13 msg East to West 12.192 mtrs, North to South 9.144 mts, **bounded on: East:** Site No. 12, **West:** Site No. 14, **North:** Kodige Thimmarayappa's Land and **South:** 15 feet Road.

13. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 14, E Khata and Property No. 150200100300200328 & 324/300/14 msg East to West 12.192 mtrs, North to South 9.144 mts, **bounded on: East:** Site No. 13, **West:** Land of Karagada Beerappa, **North:** Kodige Thimmarayappa's Land and **South:** 15 feet Road.

Date : 29.04.2022
Place : Bangalore
Sd/-
Chief Mangager & Authorised Officer

REPCO HOME FINANCE LIMITED

Repco Home Finance

3494-95, First Floor, Jana Plaza, 9 th Main, Kaveri Nagar Main Road, Opp: Kaveri Nagar Bus Stop and Rama Temple, Banashankari 2 nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 070

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice u/s. 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

The following Borrower availed the below mentioned loans from **Repco Home Finance Ltd. Banashankari Branch.** The loans of below mentioned borrower (Column No.3) have been secured by the mortgage of properties mentioned in (Column No.5). As they have failed to adhere to the terms & conditions of the loan agreement and as the loan become irregular, the loans were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to Repco Home Finance Ltd - Banashankari Branch are mentioned in (Column No.4). This amount with further interest & costs on the said amount shall also be payable as applicable and the same will be charged with effect from their respective dates.

1	2	3	4	5
No.	Branch	Borrowers & Guarantors	Outstanding as per 13(2) Notice Sent	Details of secured Assests
1	Banashankari Branch, A/C No. 1851820001173 dated 24-05-2019 for ₹ 25,00,000/-	**Mrs. Paramita Biswas - Borrower** W/o, Mr. Sourav Banerjee, Flat No. FF05, First Floor, Prakruthi Elite, Channasandra Village, Rajarajeshwari Nagara, Bengaluru - 560 098 **Also at,** Flat No.TF-301, Third Floor, Geetha Residency Apartments, Mylasandra Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore - 560 098 **Also at,** M/s. Capco Technologies Pvt Ltd, Ground Floor, SJR I Park, Opp to Sathya Sai Hospital, Whitefield, Bangalore - 560 066 **Mr. Sourav Banerjee - Co-Borrower** S/o, Asitkumar Banerjee, Flat No. FF05, First Floor, Prakruthi Elite, Channasandra Village, Rajarajeshwari Nagara, Bengalore - 560 098 **Also at,** Flat No.TF-301, Third Floor, Geetha Residency Apartments, Mylasandra Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore - 560 098 **Mr. B. T. Lokesh** S/o Mr.Boda Bandenahalli Thimmappa, No.33/1, 2nd Floor, I Block 24th Cross, Vishwapriyanagar, Begur, Bangalore - 560 068	₹ 28,16,015/- from 21-03-2022 + Interest & Cost	**SCHEDULE A:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential bearing BBMP Khatha No.1562/203/20/3/1476/1542, Property Register No. 1562, Site No. 203, in converted Sy.No.20/3, converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order bearing No. B.Dis.A.L.N.SR(S).277/2002-03, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, situated at Mylasandra Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring east to west 40 feet and north to south 60 feet, totally measuring 2400 Square feet and bounded on: **East by:** Site No.202 **West by:** Site No.204 **North by:** Road **South by:** Private Property **SCHEDULE B:** All that piece and parcel of the 240 Square feet undivided right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property and to construct 3 BHK residential apartment / Flat bearing Unit No. TF-301, Third Floor in the multistored building known as "GEETHA RESIDENCY" with Super built up area of 1265 Sqaure feet along with one covered car parking area bearing No. TF-301 in the basement with Cauvery water and bore well water, electricity and sewage amenities together with common areas such as passage, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other areas of common use etc.,

1	2	3	4	5
No.	Branch	Borrowers & Guarantors	Outstanding as per 13(2) Notice Sent	Details of secured Assests
1	Banashankari Branch, A/C No. 1851816001318 dated 10-07-2020 for ₹ 15,00,000/-	**Mr. N. Muralidhara - Borrower** S/o, M. Narayanappa No.06, Second Floor, Rose Garden J.P.Nagar 8th Phase, Kothanur Dinne Main Road Bangalore – 560 076 **Also at** Site No.38-B,(Old site No.38) New V.P.Khatha No.521, Old V.P. Khatha No.75 Present BBMP Khatha No.1253/600/521/281 S.No.75, Present Property No.281 Kothanur Dinne, Kothanur Dhakle(Hakku Patra), BBMP Ward No.194 (Gottigere), Uttarahalli Hobli Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore – 560 076 **Also at** M/s. Sri Hanuman Enterprises No.131/3,24&25, Kothanur Dinne Main Road Opp. Corporation Bank Navodaya Nagar J.P.Nagar 7th Phase Bangalore – 560 078 **Mrs. M. Chithra – Co-Borrower – I** W/o. Muralidhara N No.06, Second Floor, Rose Garden J.P.Nagar 8th Phase, Kothanur Dinne Main Road Bangalore – 560 076 **Also at** Site No.38-B,(Old site No.38) New V.P.Khatha No.521, Old V.P. Khatha No.75 Present BBMP Khatha No.1253/600/521/281 S.No.75, Present Property No.281 Kothanur Dinne, Kothanur Dhakle(Hakku Patra), BBMP Ward No.194 (Gottigere), Uttarahalli Hobli Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore – 560 076 **Mr. Murthy N Gowda – Guarantor** S/o. Mr.Narayanappa No.75,4th Floor, Pent House 3rd Cross, 3rd Main, J.P.Nagar 7th Phase Gaurav Nagar, Bangalore – 560 078 **Also at** M/s SMS Enterprises No.75,4th Floor, Pent House 3rd Cross, 3rd Main, J.P.Nagar 7th Phase Gaurav Nagar Bangalore – 560 078	₹ 16,89,283/- from 22-03-2022 + Interest & Cost	All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site no.38-B(Old site no.38) Present Property No.281, New V.P.Khatha No.521, Old V.P.Khatha No.75, Present BBMP Khatha No.1253/600/521/281, Survey No.75, situated at Kothanur Dinne, Kothanur Dhakle(Hakku Patra)Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,now under the limit of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, Ward No.194(Gottigere), boundaries as follows: **East by:** Site No.64 **West by:** Road **North by:** Site No.39 **South by:** Site No.38-A **Measurement:** East to West : 50 Feet , North to South: 15 Feet In all measuring 750 sq.ft along with building constructed therein.

For the reasons stated above, we hereby call upon you to discharge in full your liabilities to us within a period of 60 days from the date of publishing of this notice failing which we will be exercising the powers under Section 13 of the **Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002** against the secured assets mentioned above. The powers available to us under Section 13 of the Act inter-alia includes (i) Power to take possession of the secured asset, (ii) Take over the management of the secured asset including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale and realise the secured asset, and any transfer of secured asset by us shall vest in the transferee all rights, or in relation to the secured asset transferred as if the transfer had been made by you.

We draw your attentions to Sec 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset.

Place: **Banashankari**
Date : **24-03-2022**
(Sd/-)
Authorised officer
(SARFAESI ACT 2002). Repco Home Finance Limited

REPCO HOME FINANCE LIMITED

Repco Home Finance

109, First Floor, A - Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G.Road, Bengaluru - 560001.

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice u/s. 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

The following Borrower availed the below mentioned loans from **Repco Home Finance Ltd. Bengaluru Branch.** The loans of below mentioned borrower (Column No.3) have been secured by the mortgage of properties mentioned in (Column No.5). As they have failed to adhere to the terms & conditions of the loan agreement and as the loan become irregular, the loans were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to Repco Home Finance Ltd - Bengaluru Branch are mentioned in (Column No.4). This amount with further interest & costs on the said amount shall also be payable as applicable and the same will be charged with effect from their respective dates.

1	2	3	4	5
No.	Branch	Borrowers & Guarantors	Outstanding as per 13(2) Notice Sent	Details of secured Assests
1	Bengaluru Branch, A/C No. 2581860000053 (Old Loan No. 1851860000479) dated 18-11-2015 for ₹ 40,00,000/-	**Mr. Govardhan Reddy- Borrower** S/o,Muni Reddy, No. 977, Ground Floor, 13th Cross, Manorayana Palya, R T Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 032 **Also at,** M/s. Eagle Sign Media Pvt Ltd., No.32/1-2, Crecent Tower, Crescent Road, High-Ground Bengaluru - 560 001 **Also at,** Site No.36, Katha No. 185/36, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Muneshwara nagara, Kattigenahalli, Bengaluru - 560 002 **Mr. Muni Reddy- Co-Borrower I** S/o, Ramachandra Reddy, No. 977, Ground Floor, 13th Cross, Manorayana Palya, R T Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 032 **Also at,** Site No.36, Katha No. 185/36, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Muneshwara nagara, Kattigenahalli, Bengaluru - 560 002 **Mrs. Neeraja - Co-Borrower II** W/o, Muni Reddy, No. 977, Ground Floor, 13th Cross, Manorayana Palya, R T Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 032 **Also at,** Site No.36, Katha No. 185/36, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Muneshwara nagara, Kattigenahalli, Bengaluru - 560 002 **Mr. Samir Samanta - Guarantor** S/o Rahul Samanta, No.15/3, Papanna Lane, Chickpet, Bengaluru - 560 002	₹ 37,66,337/- from 22-03-2022 + Interest & Cost	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 36, Assessment No. 185, Katha No.185/36, situated at Kattigenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, now under the limit of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, measuring East to West 30 ft, North to South 50 ft, in all 1500 Sq. Ft., along with building under construction thereon and bounded on the; **East by:** Site No. 37 **West by:** Site No. 35 **North by:** 23 Feet Road **South by:** Site No. 41

1	2	3	4	5
No.	Branch	Borrowers & Guarantors	Outstanding as per 13(2) Notice Sent	Details of secured Assests
1	Bengaluru Branch, A/C No. 2581860000365 (Old Loan No. 1341860002267) dated 09-11-2016 for ₹ 40,00,000/-	**Mr. N. Rajanna- Borrower** S/o, Mr. Ningappa, No. 263, 11th Main Road, Attur Layout, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560 064 **Also at,** Site No.69, 5th Cross, Attur Main Road, Santhosh Nagar, Near to Blue Bell School, Attur Layout, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560 064 **Mrs. Lakshmi - Co-Borrower** W/o, Mr. N. Rajanna, No. 263, 11th Main Road, Attur Layout, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560 064 **Also at,** Site No.69, 5th Cross, Attur Main Road, Santhosh Nagar, Near to Blue Bell School, Attur Layout, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560 064 **Mrs. Nidhi Patil- Guarantor** W/o, Mr. Anant Patil, No. 374 B-24, SMIG 5th Phase, Near BMS Hostel, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore - 560 064 **Also at,** M/s. Excellent-e-learning Centre, No.56, Ankad Building, 2nd Cross, 4th Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore - 560 064 **Also at,** No.10-CHS 707, 4th Phase, Yelahanka Newtown, Bangalore - 560064	₹ 45,90,195/- from 21-03-2022 + Interest & Cost	All that piece and parcel of the Property Site No.69, Assessment No.89/2, Old Khatha No. 41/23/69, formed in Sy.No.41, situated at Santhoshnagara, Atturu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently the property comes under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), **Measuring:** **East to West:** 40 Feet; **North to South:**30 Feet; Total **Measuring:**1200 Square feet; Along with the building constructed thereon and Bounded On: **East by:** Site No. 68 **West by:** Site No. 70 **North by:** Private Property **South by:** Road

1	2	3	4	5
No.	Branch	Borrowers & Guarantors	Outstanding as per 13(2) Notice Sent	Details of secured Assests
1	Bengaluru Branch, A/C No. 2581860000001 (Old a/c no. 1851860000590) dated 02-06-2016 for ₹ 45,00,000/-	**Mr. Nanjundappa.Y – Borrower** S/o Mr. Yellappa, No.17, Shanthipura Village Nanjundappa Building Huskar Post, Anekal Taluk Bangalore – 560 099 **Also at** Gangamma Water Supply No.353, Govinda Shetty Palya Electronic City Post Bangalore – 560 100 **Also at** No.10, Old Katha No.12/5, New Katha No.90 Doddanagamangala Village, Begur Hobli Bangalore South Taluk Bangalore – 560 100 **Mrs. Yashodhamma – Co-Borrower** W/o Nanjundappa Y, No.17, Shanthipura Village Nanjundappa Building Huskar Post, Anekal Taluk Bangalore – 560 099 **Also at** No.10, Old Katha No.12/5, New Katha No.90 Doddanagamangala Village, Begur Hobli Bangalore South Taluk Bangalore – 560 100 **Mr.Sathish K - Guarantor** S/o Mr. Keshava Naidu, No.621/3, 2nd A Cross, Hosur Road Opp.Manu Electricals, ACPS Play Road Govindashetty Palya Electronic City Post Bangalore – 560 068	₹ 46,80,273/- from 25-03-2022 + Interest & Cost	All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.10, Katha No.90, Old Katha No.12/5, situated at Doddanagamangala Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, boundaries as follows: **East by:** Site No.11 (Ashrama), **West by:** Site No.9, **North by:** 30 Feet Road **South by:** Private Property **Measuring:** East to West: 40 Feet, North to South: 40 Feet, Total Measuring 1600 Sq.ft

For the reasons stated above, we hereby call upon you to discharge in full your liabilities to us within a period of 60 days from the date of publishing of this notice failing which we will be exercising the powers under Section 13 of the **Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002** against the secured assets mentioned above. The powers available to us under Section 13 of the Act inter-alia includes (i) Power to take possession of the secured asset, (ii) Take over the management of the secured asset including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale and realise the secured asset, and any transfer of secured asset by us shall vest in the transferee all rights, or in relation to the secured asset transferred as if the transfer had been made by you.

We draw your attentions to Sec 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset.

Place: **Bengaluru**
Date : **28-03-2022**
(Sd/-)
Authorised officer
(SARFAESI ACT 2002). Repco Home Finance Limited

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties charged/mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Union Bank of India (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union Bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s)& Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

Union Bank Of India, NO: 13/1 & 13/2, Temple Road, Vontikoppal, V.V. Mohalla, Mysore-570002 Ph: 0821-2513211

Name & Address of the Borrowers & Guarantor/s	Amount due Rs.
1. M/s.Skytop Builders Pvt Ltd., No.175, 6th Cross, Gandhi Nagar, Bangalore-560009, Represented by its Directors: **2. Sri. Nagendra Prasad,** No. 29/A, 9th Main, RMV Extension, Sadashiv Nagar, Bangalore - 560080. **3. Smt. Meera N Prasad,** No.29/A, 9th Main, RMV Extension, Sadashiv Nagar, Bangalore- 560080. Guarantor **1. Sri. Nagendra Prasad,** No. 29/A, 9th Main, RMV Extension, Sadashiv Nagar, Bangalore - 560080. **2. Smt. Meera N Prasad,** No.29/A,9th Main, RMV Extension, Sadashiv Nagar, Bangalore- 560080.	Rs. 1,73,98,915/-

Free Hold right of **1.** Alienated land - Property No 34, 36/1, Khata Janjar No. 6/7, 5/7, Sy No 34, total 5.28 acres & Khata Janjar no 5/7, Sy no 36/1 total 1.39 acres in Karakanahalli village, Ilawala Hobli, Mysore Tq. **Bounded by :** East: Sy no 36/2 & 51, West: Sy no 32, North: Sy no 8, South : Sy No 35.

2. Alienated land-Property No. 33, total 1.14 acres in Karakanahalli village, Ilawala Hobli, Mysore Tq. **Bounded by:** East: Sy no 34, West: Tankbund Road, North: Land bearing No 8, South: Land bearing no 34 & bearing site No 1 to 7,12,13,16,21 to 23, 27,29 to 47, 52 to 89, & 92 to 94.

3. Alienated land in Sy no 170/2 total 2.22 acres, Sy no 170/3 total 1.25 acres, Sy no 170/4 total 1 acres in Karakanahalli village, Ilawala Hobli, Mysore Tq. **Bounded by :** East: Road & Landed property in sy no 146, West: Landed property in Sy no 146 &156, North: Landed property in Sy no 170/1, South: landed property in Sy no 146.

4. Alienated land in Sy no 136/1, total 2.36 acres in Karakanahalli village, Ilawala Hobli, Mysore Tq. **Bounded by :** East: by land in Sy no 136/01, West: by land in Sy no 129, North : by land in sy no 129, South: by land in sy no 137.

5. Alienated land in Sy no 130/1, total 1.15 acres in Karakanahalli village, Ilawala Hobli, Mysore Tq. **Bounded by :** East: Land of Naganna, West: Land of Chikkathamma, North: Land of Kalavathi, South: K Mahesh.

6. Alienated land, in Sy no 137 total 0.20 acres in Karakanahalli village, Ilawala Hobli, Mysore Tq. **Bounded by :** East: by lands in sy no 136/01, West: by lands in sy no 129, North: by lands in sy no 129, South: by lands in Sy no 137.

7. Alienated land in Sy no 90/3 total 0.26 acres in Karakanahalli village, Ilawala Hobli, Mysore Tq. **Bounded by :** East: by sy no 91, West: by sy no 90/1, North: by land in sy no 91, South ; by land in sy no 90/2.

8. Alienated land in Sy no 130/2 total 0.20 acres in Karakanahalli village, Ilawala Hobli, Mysore Tq. **Bounded by:** East: by sy no 119, West: by sy no 130, North: by Sy no 125, South: remaining portion of land in Sy no 130.

9. Alienated land in Syno 178 total 2.01 acres & Sy no 179 total 2 acres in Karakanahalli Village, Ilawala Hobli, Mysore Tq. **Bounded by :** East: Land in Sy no 144, West: Land in Sy no 144 & 142, North : Land in Sy no 144, South : Land in sy no 143.

10. Alienated land in Sy no 119/1 total 2.32 acres in Karakanahalli village, Ilawala Hobli, Mysore Tq. **Bounded by:** East: Govt Lane, West: Land of Siddegowda & remaining portion of land in Sy no 130, North: remaining portion of land in sy no 120, South: land in sy no 119/2.

Date & Time of E-Auction: on 20/05/2022. Reserve Price: 18,45,00,000/-. Earnest money to be deposited: Rs. 1,84,50,000/-.

For detailed terms and condition of the sale and registration and login and bidding rules visit: please refer to the link provided https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp, https:// www.unionbankofindia.co.in//english/ TendelViewAllAuction.aspx

Date: 02-05-2022
Place: Mysore
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POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Properties)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest/cost etc within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice. Details of demand notices such as date of issue and loan outstanding amount are mentioned against each borrower hereunder.

1. Name of the Borrowers : Sri. Sushwin Devatraj S/o. G.S.Devatraj
Demand Notice date :22.02.2022 **A/c No. :38221361556 & 38221456552**
Loan Outstanding amount : Rs.1,67,50,358/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Seven Lakhs Fifty Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Eight only) as on 20.02.2022and interest & expenses thereon
Possession Taken date : 28.04.2022
Description of the immovable property: Sale Deed No.BNS-1-18189-2018-19, CD No.BNSD694, Dated:02.02.2019, SRO: Shivajinagar, (Banaswadi), Bengaluru.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: ITEM NO.1: All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing new BBMP Katha No.2168/85/1, 87 dated 9.11.2012 carved out of land bearing Sy.No.85/1 (Old Sy.No.85/3), measuring in all 20691 square feet, in Ward No.6 converted vide official memorandum bearing number ALN(E)SR(KH) 01/2010-11 dated 28.05.2010 by the Deputy Commissioner, situated at Rachenahalli, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded on East by: Land belonging to vendors, West by: Land of Francis, North by: Land of NR Greenwood and South by: Land of Lazar.

ITEM NO.2 : All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.85/3B, new BBMP Katha No.2168/85/1, 87 dated 09.11.2012 measuring in all 14559 square feet, converted vide official memorandum bearing number BDS.ALN(P)SR(KH) 34/2006-07 dated 24-01-2009 by the Deputy Commissioner Bengaluru District, situated at Rachenahalli, K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk and bounded on East by: Kailash Chand Property, West by: NR Greenwood Property, North by: NR Greenwood Property and South by: Lazar Property and Sy.No.85/5.

ITEM NO.3: All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.85/1, new BBMP Kahta No.2168/85/1, 87 dated 9.11.2012, measuring in all 21780 square feet, converted vide official memorandum bearing number BDS.ALN(E)SR(E)286/2002-03 dated 11.02.2003 by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, situated at Rachenahalli, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk and bounded on East by: Kailash Chand Property, West by: Srinivasachary Property, North by: NR Greenwood Property and South by:Rayappa Property.

ITEM NO.4: All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing having new BBMP Kahta No.2168/85/1, 87 dated 9.11.2012 carved out of land bearing Sy.No.85/3A, measuring in all 13068 square feet, converted vide official memorandum bearing number BDS.ALN.SR(E)286/2002-03 dated 11.02.2003 by the Deputy Commissioner Bengaluru, situated at Rachenahalli, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East and bounded on East by: Kailash Chand Property, West by: NR Greenwood Property, North by: Aralappa Property and South by: Kailash Chand Property.

ITEM NO.5: All that piece and parcel of property bearing new BBMP Kahta No.2168/85/1, 87 dated 9.11.2012 situated at Rachenahalli, Ward No.6, Bengaluru, carved out of converted land bearing Sy.No.85/3A, measuring in all 10890 square feet, converted vide official memorandum bearing number BDS.ALN.SR(E)286/2002-03 dated 11.02.2003 by the Deputy Commissioner Bengaluru, situated at Rachenahalli, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East and bounded on East by: Property of Kailash Chand, West by: Property of NR Greenwood, North by: Property of Aralappa and South by: Property of NR Greenwood.

ITEM NO.6: All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing site no.1 carved out of Sy.No.85/1 measuring in all 21780 square feet, new BBMP Kahta No.2168/85/1, 87 dated 9.11.2012 converted vide official memorandum bearing number ALN(E) SR (KH) 01/2010-11 dated 28.05.2010 by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, situated at Rachenahalli, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk and bounded on East by: Land in Sy No.85/3A, West by: Land in Sy.No.87, North by: Government Land and South by: Land in Sy.No.85/1.

ITEM NO.7: All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.87, new BBMP Kahta No.2168/85/1, 87 dated 9.11.2012 measuring in all 28314 square feet converted vide official memorandum bearing number ALN(E) SR (KH) 17/2007-08 dated 14.09.2012 by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, situated at Rachenahalli, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk and bounded on East by: NR Greenwood Property, West by: Road, North by: Road and South by: Srinivasachary Property.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY [FLAT HEREBY CONVEYED] : All that piece and parcel of one unit residential flat bearing number A-302, located at the THIRD FLOOR "A" Block of the residential apartment building known as "NR ORCHID GARDENIA" constructed on SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY having a super built up area of 2710 Square feet, consisting of 3 (THREE) bedrooms with Servant Room, attached bathroom, Two kitchens, One Living Room, with vitrified tiles flooring, having the amenities of electricity, water and sanitation with One coveted Car parking space in the basement of Block A, covered car Parking slot bearing number 081, along with access to staircase, lift, and all common areas and club house in the apartment building Flat Khatha dated 01.06.2017, bearing No.2712/2168/85/1-13 Flat A-302, standing in the name of Sri. Sushwin Devatraj S/o. Gorakhnath S Devatraj.

UDS (UNDIVIDED SHARE)-HERE BY CONVEYED : 935.46 SQFT undivided share, right, title and interest in the land comprised in SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY.

2. Name of the Borrowers : Sri. Anil Kumar S/o. Rajeshwar Prasad
Demand Notice date : 22.02.2022, **A/c No. TL- 40020330323, 40030487078**
Loan Outstanding amount : Rs.70,95,150/- (Rupees Seventy Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand One Hundred Fifty only) as on 20.02.2022 and interest & expenses thereon
Possession Taken date : 28.04.2022
Description of the immovable property: Absolute Sale Deed No.JPN-1-08378-2020-21, CD No.JPND1070 dated on 22.02.2021 at SRO: Jayanagar (J.P.Nagar), Bengaluru.

SCHEDULE – I : All that piece and parcel of property bearing BBMP Katha No.134/471/33/1 measuring 73,758 Sq.ft in Converted Survey No.33/1 (converted bearing Order No.BDS:ALN:SR(S):553/2004-05 Dated 02.04.2005, from Agricultural to non-Agricultural residential purposes) situated at Gollahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore and bounded as follows:- East by : BDA Property, West by : 60 Feet BDA Road, North by: BDA Property and South by: 40 Feet Road.

SCHEDULE - II: (Description of the Undivided Share): 450.45 Square Feet of Undivided share, right, title and interest over the land of the Schedule – 1 property.

SCHEDULE - III : (Description of the Flat/Apartment) : All that piece and parcel of the residential Flat bearing No.329, in THIRD FLOOR of "LOTUS BLOCK, in a residential apartment known as" EDEN BLOSSOMS" constructed in the Schedule –I property, consisiting of two Bedrooms, a kitchen, dining and living room, balconies and utility areas measuring 1155 square feet of Super Built up Area with one covered car parking space in the Stilt floor, together with common area such as, lift, staircase, lobbies, swimming pool, gym and other privileges, etc., with RCC roof, main door with teak wood frame with polished skin doors Flooring with Vitrified tiles for living, dining bedrooms, kitchen, balconies and utility areas, UPVC sliding windows and MS grills.

The above mentioend borrowers/guarantor/ mortgagers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantor/ mortgagers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on above mentioned date.

The borrowers//guarantor/ mortgagers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India,** for amount mentioned against their names with further interest accrued and cost/ expenses thereon. The borrower's/guarantor's/mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date :28.04.2022
Place: Bengaluru
Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India
RACPC III BANASWADI, BENGALURU

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DAY'S DIARY

A sweet surprise

On this day in 2021, a Malian woman, Halima Cisse, gave birth to nine babies by Cesarean section in Casablanca, Morocco

THE MORE, THE MERRIER

Doctors in Mali initially thought that Cisse was carrying seven children. She was flown to Casablanca for specialist care. It was there that nine babies were detected

THE YOUNG ONES

This is the first known incidence of nonpulets surviving birth. They were prematurely born at 30 weeks and were immediately transferred to incubators

A NEW RECORD

With the birth, Halima broke the world record previously set by Nadya Suleman in 2009, who gave birth to eight babies that survived

Shivarajkumar to act in Thalaivar 169?

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KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**

Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Thursday.

1. Agrahara is a stretch of land granted to the scholarly Brahmins near a village temple by the royal family in the pre-colonial era. There are many such Agraharas in and around Bengaluru, namely Kempapura Agrahara, Dasarahalli Agrahara, Kanakapura Agrahara, Palya Agrahara, Thanisandra Agrahara, Konappana Agrahara and so on. Name the Agrahara where the present Bengaluru Central Jail is located.

2. Apple was introduced to Bangalore by Arthur Hope, the then British Resident in 1820 who received a few saplings from John Sullivan, the collector of Ootacamund. It was John Cameroon, the then curator of Lalbagh who introduced the successful Rome variety of apples in 1880 which were grafted and widely grown in the Palace Orchards of Bangalore which today has become an upscale residential locality in the city. Name the locality.

3. Infant Jesus Church, also known as Rose Garden Church, was built amidst a beautiful rose garden in a village known as Somanahalli on the outskirts of Bangalore in 1971. What is the area today known as?

OF FASTING AND FEASTING

1 With delicious food and quality time, mental health coach and ex-model Tamanna Pasha had an intimate celebration. 2 Mansoor Ali Khan, member, board of management Delhi Public School, Bangalore & Mysore, celebrated Eid along with family, Tasbia Khan, and sons, Aayan and Arhaan Khan. 3 Celebrity makeup artist Zohara Shereen, who resides in Dubai, marked the occasion with her son Sarfaraz in Bengaluru.

GALA AND GLAMOUR

Kim Kardashian's Marilyn Monroe dress or Natasha Poonawalla's golden gilded moment in a Sabyasachi's saree... Met Gala 2022 was filled with colour. City-based fashion gurus point out the hits and misses of this season

MONIKA MONALISA

Alicia Keys' song *Empire State of Mind* can best describe the mood of Met Gala 2022 which was held at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. The theme of this year, Gilded Glamour is a concept that takes inspiration from New York's Gilded Age and leaves plenty of room for interpretation. And boy! The guests pulled-off varied looks to bring out America's vast history of glamour.

The Kardashian sisters take the Met event very seriously. Kylie Jenner turned up as a modern bride with an American baseball veil, while Kendall Jenner raised 'eyebrows' in a sheer crop top and skirt set from Prada with bleached eyebrows. But it was Kim Kardashian who channeled her inner Marilyn Monroe and grabbed the attention of the media across the globe. Kardashian took over the red carpet in the same dress worn by Monroe six decades ago for JFK's 60th birthday while singing the iconic *Happy Birthday* song. Kardashian shed 16 pounds just to fit into the dress.

With the Met Gala being a global affair, city-based fashion gurus have their verdict about the hits and misses of the season. For instance, Prasad Bidapa liked the presenters, best. "They were sophisticated and represented Hollywood glamour at its best. Even Tom Ford said he couldn't understand why it had turned into a costume party. Thank God some still have the class and elegance to dress properly," says Bidapa, who felt Natasha Poonawalla "did India proud" by wearing a Schiaparelli corset with a Sabyasachi saree, styled by Anaita Shroff Adajania.

The Indian socialite and businesswoman attended the Met Gala in a gold tulle saree and hand-forged bustier. She gave desi glamour a modern touch. Poonawalla was quite a crowd favourite, masking the absence of the India's Met event regulars like Priyanka Chopra and Deepika Padukone. Fashion designer Manoviraj Khosla says Poonawalla was a breath of fresh air. "Priyanka and Deepika were missed to an extent but not too much either... Let the world see there is more representation from India than just both the girls. And Poonawalla was perfect and beautifully represented the Gilded Age with a modern touch," says Khosla, who mentions that he was quite amused by Kardashian's dedication to fit into Monroe's dress. "It was sweet because there is a nice piece of history behind it," he adds.

What impressed Khosla about this year's Met Gala was that guests were more creative with their costumes than being over the top. "For example, Billie Eilish's periodic Gucci gown was a nice attempt," says Khosla, adding that some stars, however, looked uncomfortable.

Agrees celebrity designer Shloka Sudhakar. For her, a major miss was Mindy Kaling in Prabal Gurung's lilac gown. "The dress could have worked but the overall makeup and the necklace did not sit well," says Sudhakar. For her, some offbeat hits were Brooklyn and Nicola Peltz Beckham. "Even Blake Lively in a Statue of Liberty gown and Ryan Reynolds looked great but failed to leave an impact," says Sudhakar.

There was a gold rush on the occasion of Akshaya Tritiya on Tuesday with Bengalureans thronging jewellery stores| NAGARAJA GADEKAL

DANCING SHOES ON

Seen dancing in front of the camera, Sandalwood actor **Shwetha Srivatsav** seems to be enjoying the festive season with her family. Along with Eid and Akshaya Tritiya, she also celebrated her wedding anniversary with Amit Srivastava. Head to her Instagram page to check out the mini celebration.

CITY READ

Paintings displayed to raise awareness

Home interior brand Design Cafe has partnered with Atypical Advantage to promote awareness and acceptance of autistic individuals in the wake of National Autism Awareness Month. Eight artists with autism from three different cities were commissioned to paint their version of 'a dream home'. Each artist, through their paintings, has demonstrated their ability to add more appeal to homes with striking forms, colours and strokes. These paintings were showcased at the brand's experience centre on MG Road.

'MY MOTHER AND I HAVE NOT ALWAYS HAD THE EASIEST OF RELATIONSHIPS'

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WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

KARAOKE NIGHT

Karaoke Nights is the perfect opportunity to let loose and sing like no one is watching with a group of people who care about your passion for singing and want to share it with you. Join Aswin Bhatia and make a night out of it!
When: May 11
Where: Hard Rock Cafe
Details: bookmyshow.com

WANTED TOUR

Vir Das, one of the 'Wanted' comedians, is all set for his tour to Bengaluru. Get ready to witness the blend of humour and hysterical jokes.
When: May 20
Where: Chowdiah Memorial Hall
Details: bookmyshow.in

ADVENTURE SPREE

Enter the premises of mother nature and enjoy an experience of a lifetime. Kanva Day Outing brings you to explore land activities, water activities and air activities all at once. Get ready for the adventure to begin.
When: May 4 onwards
Where: Triquetra (Aqua escape), Ramanagara
Details: insider.in

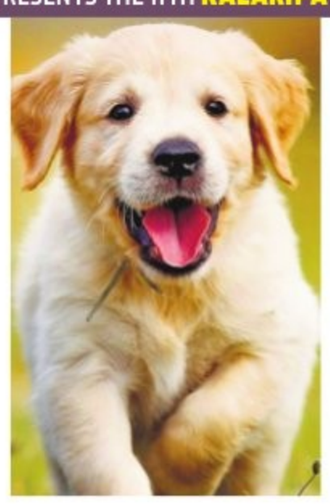
BEDTIME YOGA

Have trouble sleeping? With simple bedtime routine yoga, you can get back to your sleep cycle and hence a healthier self. Whether you are a working professional, a new mother or a student, this session will help you to have a good sleep at night.
When: Till May 10
Details: insider.in

KALARI BUDS PRESENTS THE 11TH **KALARIPAYATTU** PERFORMANCE. COME AND WITNESS THE MAGIC OF DANCE | **WHEN:** MAY 5 | **WHERE:** SEVA SADAN AUDITORIUM, MALLESWARAM

Bhangra Beats

Burn your calories in a fun way during the weekend and learn Bhangra. Put on your dance shoes, master a new dance skill and strengthen your Bhangra steps. **When:** May 8 **Where:** Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar
Details: bookmyshow.com

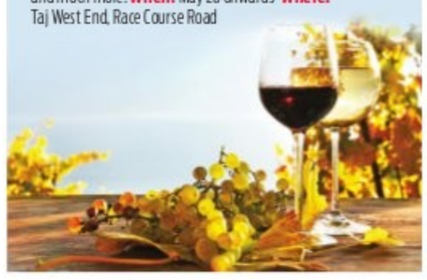


Adoption Drive

If you are a dog lover, then HUFT Adoption drive, associated with Indiranagar Canine Squad, is presenting five amazing indie dogs for adoption. Head over to bring your new pup home.
When: May 7
Where: Magarath Road, Ashok Nagar
Details: 91085 52297

Cheers To That

SteppinOut by Dineout, WMS entertainment and Passcode Hospitality announce the launch of TOAST in Bangalore - A fun-filled festival featuring the finest international and homegrown wine and beer brands, delectable restaurant pop-ups, musical performances and much more. **When:** May 28 onwards **Where:** Taj West End, Race Course Road

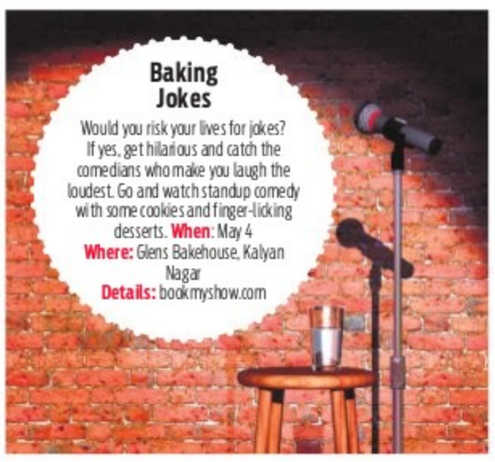


Dog's Day Out

The Fur Festival is a dedicated day to celebrate Bengaluru's pets and their pawrents. A day to unwind and take that well deserved break to enjoy an exciting line-up of fun, games and wagging tails.
When: May 8 **Where:** Indiranagar Club **Details:** insider.in

Baking Jokes

Would you risk your lives for jokes? If yes, get hilarious and catch the comedians who make you laugh the loudest. Go and watch standup comedy with some cookies and finger-licking desserts. **When:** May 4
Where: Glens Bakehouse, Kalyan Nagar
Details: bookmyshow.com



QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

BREAD CRUMB BISCUITS

INGREDIENTS
- **Sweet bread crumbs:** 1 cup
- **Maida:** 1 cup
- **Powdered sugar/icing sugar:** 3/4 cup
- **Cornflour:** 1/2 cup
- **Butter:** 3/4 cup
- **Rose essence**
- **Milk:** a few teaspoons

–**Shubasree Vaidyanathan,** Chennai

METHOD
- Mix bread crumbs, maida and butter till the mix looks crumbly.
- Add powdered sugar and cornflour to this and knead gently, adding milk only when its neccessary.
- Make small circular shapes and press the dough in the centre making a small depression.
- Brush the biscuits with butter and bake at 180°C for 10 to 15 minutes or until the biscuts turn brown.

FIT BIT

PRAPADA EKA PADA URDHVA DHANURASANA

(Tip toe one-legged upward bow pose)

This pose is a backbend inversion that can cultivate flexibility, strength and patience. It is associated with Ajna (third eye) Chakra, which is believed to be responsible for one's sixth sense; the sense of intuition. It is responsible for one's inspiration and awareness. This posture is seen as having more of a balancing effect on the energy of the Anahata (heart) Chakra.

STEPS
- Lie on your back with your knees bent, feet on the floor, as if you're moving towards the bridge pose.
- After that, place your palms on the ground beside your ears, fingertips facing your shoulders.
- Exhale and lift your tailbone and hips off the floor. Squeeze your thighs together so your knees point straight ahead.
- Putting pressure with your hand, bring the crown of your head to the ground. Pause here for a breath.
- Draw your shoulder blades down your back while keeping elbows in line with your shoulders.
- Applying pressure with the toes of your left foot, raise your right leg and straighten towards the sky.
- Exhale to straighten your arms and lift your head off the floor.
- Lengthen your tailbone toward the back of your knee.
- Now, drop your head all the way back, if comfortable.
- Hold the pose for up to a minute with a steady, long breath.
- Then, lower and rest. You could repeat.

BENEFITS
- Strengthens bones, glutes, hamstrings, and lower back muscles, toes, legs and the respiratory system.
- Helps to promote courage and compassion and expands the chest, lungs and shoulders.
- Stretches hip flexors, muscles of the abdomen and wrists.
- Relieves stress.
- Helpful in reducing abdomen fat and bloated belly.
- Beneficial for digestive system, gastric problems and all the disorders of the female reproductive system.
- Ensures better functioning of the heart, liver, spleen, and kidneys.
- Promotes courage and compassion.

LIMITATIONS
- People with weakness in their neck, wrist, spine, back, legs, hands and hips, or suffering from any kind of illness should avoid this pose.
- Pregnant women must avoid this.

By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

SOUND BOARD

SIT DOWN COMEDY

Comedian Rajneesh Kapoor will make you laugh with his witty conversations with other comedians. The show is spiced up with Hindi songs that keeps the mood of the show upbeat.
- **On: Gaana**

SUCH A DRAG

While drag has maintained a powerful presence in entertainment, it also deserves recognition for being an example of an expressive and empowering art form. Keeping this context in mind, this series familiarises listeners with the concept of drag, empowering them with the perspectives and information they need to understand this world that they may not necessarily be a part of.
- **On: Audible**

WHAT'S UP, SISTER

Join these two sisters Kritika and Deeksha every Monday for a fun podcast about all things in life and weekly dose of girl talk.
- **On: Spotify**

LOVE AAJ KAL

Is it ok to have sex on the first date? What does it mean if you are ghosted? Aastha and Ankit try and decipher all things, sex, dating and relationship in Love Aaj Kal. They talk about love and all the angst, agony and joy it brings. Just two friends talking about their experiences and hoping you relate.
- **On: JioSaavn**

INTELLIGENCE FROM THE ECONOMIST

Get a daily burst of global illumination from The Economist's worldwide network of correspondents as they dig past the headlines to get to the stories beneath and to stories that aren't making headlines, but should be.
- **On: Gaana**

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

KIRATHAKA

In a bid to curb crime, a police officer decides to adopt a new identity and takes matters into his own hands. However, the consequences of his decision land him in trouble.
Cast: Yash, Nandisha alias Gooli, Oviya, T S Nagabharana, Tara, Sanketh Kashi

USHTA

Childhood lovers Isha and Pathi share a close bond and are extremely attached to one another. However, they encounter many issues that prevent them from being together.
Cast: Pankaj Narayan, Surabhi, S Narayan

JAGGU DADA

Jaggu Dada, who comes from a family of dons, promises his grandfather that he will turn away from crime and get married. Under a different identity, he goes to Mumbai, where he meets the ideal woman.
Cast: Darshan Thogudeepa, Srujan Lokesh, Gayathiri Iyer, Anant Nag

SUPER

Subhash is a businessman based in London but still rooted to his motherland. While helping a dance troupe, he meets Indira and they soon get married but Indira has a secret, vengeful agenda.
Cast: Upendra Rao, Nayanthara, Tulip Joshi, Sadhu Kokila, Jeeva

SHANKAR SUNDAR

A police officer is distraught on learning about his brother's involvement in a robbery case. However, things take a turn when he decides to arrest him.
Cast: Dwarakish, Aarathi, Vishnuvardhan, Bharathi, Jayamala, Sundar Krishna Urs, Sundar Raj

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 THE LIKABILITY DILEMMA FOR WOMEN LEADERS BY ROBIN HAUSER

When women lead, bias often follows. Documentarian Robin Hauser dives into the dilemma between competence and likeability faced by women in leadership roles, detangling the unconscious beliefs and gendered thinking that distort what it means to be a good leader.

2 THE MYTH OF HADES AND PERSEPHONE BY ISEULT GILLESPIE

One day, Persephone was frolicking in a meadow with the nymph Cyane. They noticed a flower tremble in the ground. Suddenly, the earth split, and a terrifying figure arose. It was Hades, who then dragged Persephone into his inky chariot, and blasted back through the earth. Iseult Gillespie shares the myth of the goddess of spring.

3 UKRAINE'S FIGHT TO KEEP EDUCATING ITS CHILDREN BY ZOYA LYTVYN

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has destroyed so much but it has not stopped Ukrainians from pursuing knowledge and curiosity. In a deeply moving talk, education leader Zoya Lytvyn shares her first-hand experience evacuating Kyiv and takes us inside the ongoing effort to continue educating children amid war and destruction.

4 NUCLEAR THREAT AND THE WAR IN UKRAINE BY EMMA BELCHER

Nuclear security expert Emma Belcher delivers an overview of the war in Ukraine, outlines its implications for the deployment of nuclear weapons on the global stage, and offers a vision for how we can try to ensure a peaceful future free of such destructive weaponry.

5 A FUTURE WORTH GETTING EXCITED ABOUT BY ELON MUSK

In conversation with the head of TED Chris Anderson, Elon Musk details how the radical new innovations he's working on could help maximise the lifespan of humanity and create a world where goods and services are abundant and accessible for all. It's a compelling vision of a future worth getting excited about.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

VALIMAI (Tamil)

A city witnesses a spike in its crime rate due to the nefarious activities of a notorious motorcycle club. When things get out of hand, it is up to Arjun, a police officer, to restore law and order.
Cast: Ajith Kumar, Huma Qureshi, Kartikeya Gummakonda
- **Watch on:** Zee5

PUAADA (Punjabi)

Jaggi, a farmer, and Raunak, a young woman, love each other and wish to get married. However, they face several challenges in their quest to unite.
Cast: Sonam Bajwa, Ammy Virk
- **Watch on:** Zee5

SALUTE (Malayalam)

S.I Aravind Karunakaran, a police officer on voluntary leave, is haunted by an old case he investigated. How far will he go to unravel the mystery and bring the truth to light?
Cast: Dulquer Salmaan, Diana Penty, Monisha Arshak
- **Watch on:** Sony LIV

PUKSATTE LIFU (Kannada)

A key maker's life takes a dramatic turn after he finds himself becoming an unlikely accomplice to a group of policemen, who are involved in illegal activities themselves.
Cast: Sanchari Vijay, Achyuth Kumar
- **Watch on:** Zee5

HERBERT (Bengali)

A sprawling, decade-spanning saga of an eccentric man who commits suicide at the beginning of the film, Sumon Mukhopadhyay's debut feature (adapted from the novel by the radical, wild Nabarun Bhattacharya) is as much about the life of Herbert Sarkar growing up in a traditional North Calcutta house, the haunted nights of the Naxal days as it is about the city, in all its decay and glory. Both a celebration and a lament.
Cast: Subhasish Mukherjee, Neel Mukherjee
- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

PENSION (Marathi)

Here's a family of three—Balu, his mother, and grandmother. They survive on his grandfather's pension of rupees eight hundred a month. Once Balu starts going to school, the expenses increase and unfortunately, the grandmother falls ill. Find out how this family struggles to survive against all odds.
Cast: Sonali Kulkarni, Sumit Gutte

DASVI (Hindi)

From counting votes to calculating the number of days until his tenth-grade exams, will Gangaram get through with flying colours? A politician learns the hard way that being good with people does not equate to being good with the class 10 syllabus.
Cast: Abhishek Bachchan, Yami Gautam
Watch on: Netflix

FOREIGN

ABRE LOS OJOS (Spanish)

Cesar is a handsome playboy who has it all until he falls hard for the beautiful Sofia. When a jealous ex tries to kill him and herself in a car accident that leaves him horribly disfigured, his perfect life turns into a nightmare.
Cast: Penelope Cruz, Eduardo Noriega
- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

TIME TO HUNT (Korean)

The movie is set in a dystopian South Korea. Jun Seok is out of prison. He comes out and sees the Korean Won has crashed massively, making the amount of their last job worthless. Jun Seok proposes one last heist to his best friends for the trio to escape from their miserable situations.
Cast: Park Hae-soo, Park Jun-ming, Stephen Fu
- **Watch on: Netflix**

DEVOTION (Italian)

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'My mother and I have not always had the easiest of relationships'

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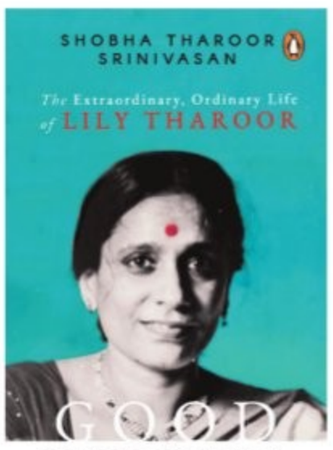
Reflections in a Distant Mirror
SHASHI THAROOR

Shobha Tharoor Srinivasan



THIS book on my mother, by my sister Shobha, means more to me, as son and brother, than I can put into words.

COVID has transformed our relationship. For the last two years, as I write these words, my mother and I have been living together, as we had not done for any significant period since I went off to college at sixteen. It has been a revelation to me, and I daresay to her as well.

My mother has always relished her independence. Whether it was her insistence, into her eighties, to drive herself on frequent four-hour trips from Kochi, where she lived, to her tharavad veedu (ancestral home) in Palakkad district, or in her stubborn refusal to hire full-time domestic help, self-reliance was always my mother's mantra. She doesn't like depending on others' help.

My sisters live abroad. My mother was living alone. For years, I begged and pleaded with her to move in with me, but she always declined. She would come to me for a few weeks at a time and get restless. The reason was simple: she liked being in control, enjoyed her routine, her neighbours. She didn't want to compromise on her autonomy by adjusting herself to someone else's home, someone else's establishment, someone else's environment. So, after a short while with me, almost never longer than a month, she would be off again to resume her own life.

From time to time, my mother would complain to my sisters and me that she felt lonely — but that had always been the case since my father, a larger-than-life dynamo, passed away more than a quarter of a century ago. When COVID struck and began to spread widely in India in mid-March 2020, I refused to let her leave for the airport at the end of a month-long stay in Delhi with me. That temporary change of plan has now become a permanent arrangement. A year after she got 'stranded', as she saw it, in Delhi, she tried to go back to her independent life in Kochi. Within a week, she realised she preferred to be with me. She has been back ever since, and she no longer talks of itching to return to her old life.

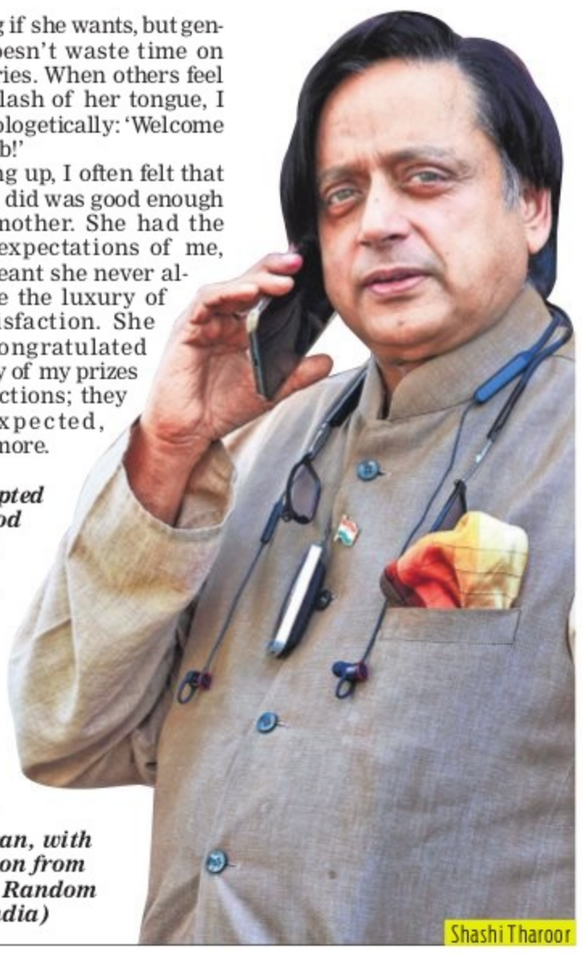
Living on her own, Mummy regularly phoned a wide circle of friends and relatives, and met some, preferring them to come to her. She read incessantly and borrowed a wide range of books from a circulating book club. These are things she could, and has, transferred to a new residence, mine, though the books are now from my own eclectic collection. She also used to cook and clean for herself, entertain visitors and manage a household without any full-time help. That she no longer has to do.

My mother's real antidote to boredom is the internet. She is a tireless emailer and browser of articles, which she forwards widely, and an addict of YouTube videos, which mercifully she has not yet learned to forward. She is active on WhatsApp and is unremitting when it comes to passing on morning greetings, trending videos and, occasionally, 'fake news'. In her time, anything that appeared in print was reliable, and she extends the same credulity to what she reads or hears online. But, offline, her scepticism is her shield.

My mother and I have not always had the easiest of relationships. Which mother and son do? I know my personal and professional journeys have challenged her. And, as I know too well, she is a direct, no-nonsense woman. She can be charming if she wants, but generally doesn't waste time on pleasantries. When others feel the whiplash of her tongue, I shrug apologetically: 'Welcome to the club!'

Growing up, I often felt that nothing I did was good enough for my mother. She had the highest expectations of me, which meant she never allowed me the luxury of self- satisfaction. She rarely congratulated me on any of my prizes or distinctions; they were expected, nothing more.

(Excerpted from Good Innings: The Extraordinary, Ordinary Life of Lily Tharoor by Shobha Tharoor Srinivasan, with permission from Penguin Random House India)


Shashi Tharoor

Meeting Doordarshan, the old friend again

HRIDAY RANJAN
Urban Bourbon
(Writer, comedian)

MANY years ago, I had a friend. Perhaps my best friend, certainly my only friend. I would stare at my friend (who lived in a square box) and entertained me all day. Well, 'entertained' is a bit rich — Doordarshan flashed images and sounds for me to watch, enraptured. For many of my generation who grew up in small towns, Doordarshan was a friend.

People born post-liberalisation will never truly grasp what Doordarshan meant. The only television channel in India, and run by the Central government's Information and Broadcasting Ministry. Doordarshan was offered like a balanced diet of entertainment. Movies were shown on weekends, mythological shows were reserved for Sunday mornings. Soap operas for the night, comedy shows for dinner time. The choice of programming was random — from the finals of a Wimbledon tournament, to a special bulletin on advice for irrigation.

Of course, Doordarshan wasn't run by MBAs in suits working for MNCs. It was run by babus with Central government jobs. And so Doordarshan came with its own governmental quirks. The entire programming was tossed aside when a former PM or President passed away. The quality of the picture was almost astrologically tied to the weather conditions — resulting in the antenna doing yoga at the slightest hint of rain.

Over time, cable television uprooted Doordarshan from its monopoly. No longer could DD compete with movies being shown all day, or entire channels dedicated to cricket, news and music. Doordarshan tried launching channels like 'DD Metro', but finally gave up the battle. Over the years, Doordarshan was looked at as a poorer cousin of cable television.

I only watched Doordarshan on national holidays like Republic Day and Independence Day. The parades would often be followed by 'national integration' movies like *Bombay* or *Roja*. I found myself watching DD when I visited my family in my 'native place', without access to cable television. Or during cricket matches, when I wanted an alternative to the self-righteous babble of Sunil Gavaskar, and instead chose 'Fourth Umpire', which provided lullaby-like commentary from Arun Lal and Maninder Singh.

After all these years, how the tables have turned! The cable television revolution is all but dead. Television shows aren't as relevant, with 4G Internet and social media having completely uprooted the need for a television at home. OTTs have made channels redundant, and vloggers get more hits than David Attenborough in his prime!

Out of curiosity, I checked out Doordarshan on Eid. I was watching the channel after years, and a lot had changed. The soap operas were all glamorous. They'd gone from the simplistic sets and long shadows of Shyam Benegal cinema, to the colourful sarees and snake bindis of Ekta Kapoor television. There were no national integration movies being played in the afternoons.

And yet, a lot hasn't changed. The programming is still a mixed bag. Television shows are interspersed with educational shows, followed by live streaming of the proceedings in the Lok Sabha. The brands being promoted are not of the latest fintech app in the market, but of more tangential objects - like toothpaste and detergent powder. The channel was live streaming itself on its official website, and surprisingly, there weren't any glitches. There were no pauses, with the channel asking me to pay a thousand bucks to continue watching. It wasn't much, but it was some change.

Meeting Doordarshan again was like meeting a school friend in your 50s. We have both aged, shaken by technological changes, rounder around the edges, but still around. Just as I was smiling philosophically — the screen went blank, and a message flashed — Sorry for the Interruption. Ah, Doordarshan! There are things only you are allowed to do!

(The writer's views are his own)

The Golden Book of Tagore

FLYLEAF
VR FEROSE
(The author is a technologist based in Silicon Valley who is gently mad about books)

HAVE you ever fallen in love with a book? Falling in love with a book is like discovering your best friend. They are special in their own unique way, and you can go back to them anytime. As author Donald Miller said, "Some people find beauty in music, some in painting, some in landscape, but I find it in words. By beauty, I mean the feeling you have suddenly glimpsed another world or looked into a portal that reveals a kind of magic or romance out of which the world has been constructed, a feeling there is something more than the mundane, and a reason for our plodding."

While I always loved books and there are some in particular that I have re-read, there is one book that I fell in love with as soon as I had it in my hands. It was a copy of *The Golden Book of Tagore*. Printed in 1931 as a tribute to Tagore on his 70th birthday, this privately produced book was brought out on the suggestion of Nobel Laureate Romain Rolland. Rolland and Tagore had been in contact since 1919, but first met in 1921 in Paris. An important collection of writings, it was sponsored by leading intellectuals, Gandhi, Albert Einstein, Kostes Palamas, and Rolland himself. The book goes to show how regarded Tagore was world-over. My copy is the 881 numbered copy (out of 1,500 printed). What is special is not only that the almost 90-year-old book is in great condition but has a moving handwritten note by Tagore. The 51 words in Tagore's beautiful handwriting captures his gratitude as only a poet of Tagore's calibre can express.

Written on a Visva-Bharati University letterhead, an institute that Tagore founded in 1921 and became one of India's most renowned places of higher learning, the letter is addressed to no one in particular and begins "*... It is hard for me to say in a few faltering words how I feel when voices greet me from my own country and across the seas..*". The letter was signed and dated December 27, 1931.

The book has many portraits of Tagore in photogravure, including a picture by Martin Vos, as frontispiece. Of the remaining 29 plates, many are tipped-in colour plates (with tissue guards carrying title and artist's name), including Abanindra Nath Tagore, Nanda Lal Bose, A D Thomas, Gogonendra Nath Tagore and Samarendra Nath Gupta. Other plates are reproductions of works by Chinese and Japanese artists, portraits of Tagore by eminent Indian and Western artists and early photographs of Tagore.

What is even more interesting is to find the provenance of the book. This rare copy was given to me by my favourite bookseller, Krishna (owner of Bookworm) who always gives me the first right of refusal to any rare book that comes his way. The book came from estate of Jahangir Baba and was gifted to the legendary Homi Jahangir Bhabha. Another copy of the book had surfaced in Bengaluru many years back and the letter is now framed and kept at The Blossom Book house, Church Street. I vividly remember looking at the letter, never imagining that in a couple of decades, a copy of the rare book will find its way into my hands!

NUGGETS

Film rights of Chetan Bhagat's *One Indian Girl* acquired

Sony Pictures International Productions has acquired film adaptation rights to author Chetan Bhagat's 2016 acclaimed novel *One Indian Girl*. Bhagat's book revolves around an Indian girl who is intelligent, successful and finds it difficult to find love. Bhagat said: "It is always exciting when a story you have written is interpreted cinematically. The fact that Sony Pictures International Productions has acquired the film adaptation rights to *One Indian Girl* is particularly promising because this is the studio behind some of the biggest films of our times and I cannot wait to begin this exciting journey with this energetic team. This story has both a national and international appeal and I cannot wait to see it on the big screen." Previous film adaptations on his books include the blockbuster *3 Idiots*, *2 States* and the award-winning hit *Kai Po Che*. "As the film market continues to boom in India, we're continuously looking for exciting content that stands out from both a creative and cultural perspective, and we're thrilled to adapt and produce Chetan Bhagat's book for the big screen," said Shebnem Askin, co-head of Sony Pictures International Productions. **—IANS**

President Ram Nath Kovind to attend literary meet in NE India

For the first time, the president will attend and address the regional language literary meet in the North-East India region, which presents a complex linguistic mosaic. President Ram Nath Kovind is scheduled to address the valedictory session of the 61st annual conference of the Bodo Sahitya Sabha (BSS) in western Assam's Tamulpur on May 4. The three-day conference begins on Monday. The Assam government has sanctioned special casual leave to the state government employees who would participate in the conference to be held ay Kachubari in Tamulpur under Bodoland Territorial Region. "This would be a historic occasion as no President of India has ever attended any literary event of any language in the northeast region," BSS President Toren C Boro said. **—IANS**

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Shivarajkumar

SHIVARAJKUMAR TO PLAY A PROMINENT ROLE IN RAJINIKANTH-NELSON'S *THALAIVAR 169?*

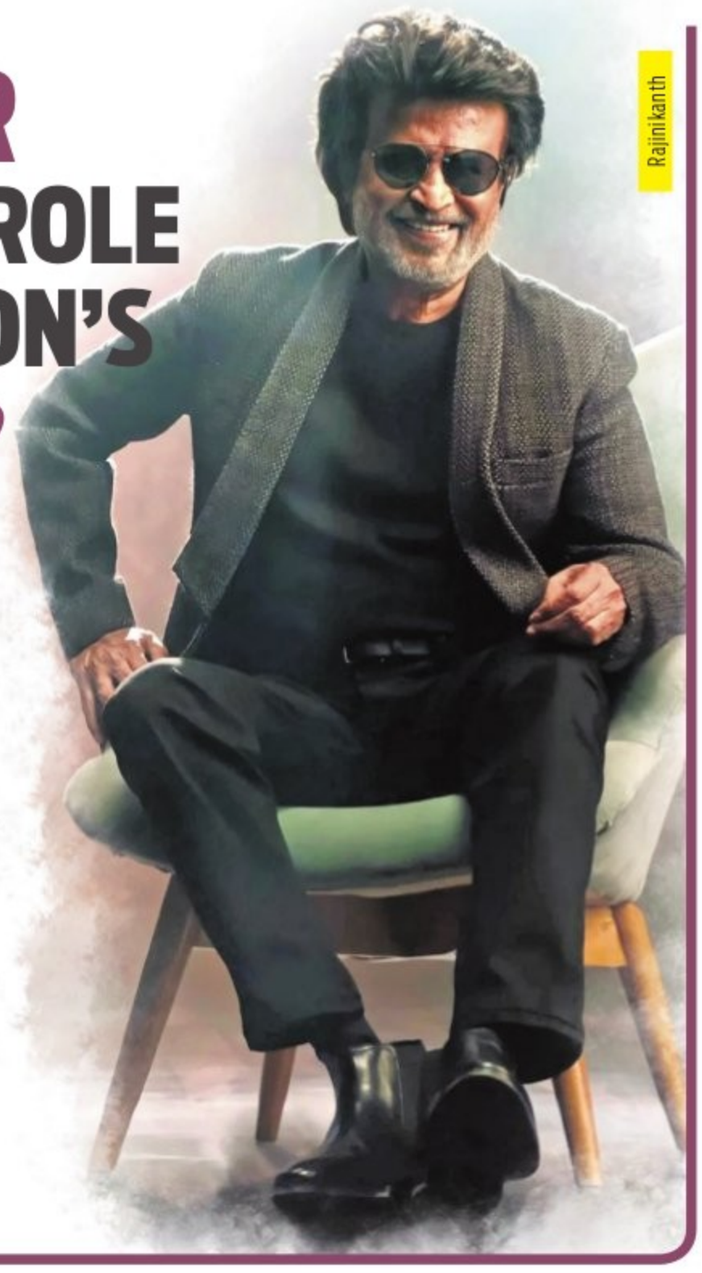
Nelson is said to have had his initial talks with Shivarajkumar and will soon be in Bengaluru for further discussion

A SHARADHAA

WE had earlier reported that Rajinikanth's next will be helmed by *Beast* director Nelson. Tentatively titled *Thalaivar 169*, the film is bankrolled by Sun Pictures and is expected to go on floors in August. With the team in the process of finalising the primary cast members, the latest update is that the makers have approached Shivarajkumar to play a prominent role in the film.

Though no official confirmation has been made, a source close to the film revealed to *Cinema Express* that director Nelson is indeed in talks with Shivanna for the film. The director is expected to be in Bengaluru soon to hold further discussions with the Century Star. As we are aware, Rajinikanth has a great bonding with the people of Karnataka and the Kannada industry, especially with the Rajkumar family. This prospective collaboration between Rajinikanth and Shivanna has elevated the hype surrounding this project to astronomical levels, and if things fall in place, *Thalaivar 169* will mark the first time the two superstars share screen space.

On the work front, Shivanna, who is waiting for the release of *Bairagee* is currently shooting for *Vedha,* his 125th film, directed by Harsha. The actor's next is with director Yogaraj Bhat, and is set to commence production this month.


Rajinikanth

'The combination with comedy is vast, and it can blend with various other genres'

...says actor Sharan, who talks about his upcoming film, *Avatara Purusha*, directed by Suni, who explores the thriller with a black magic element

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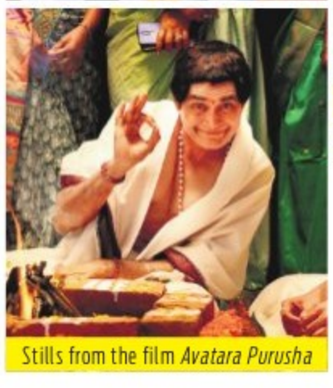
SHARAN is an interesting actor. He started out as a comedian and supporting artist. He continued his journey the same way for 99 films and made people smile. With his 100th film, *Rambo*, he turned into a lead actor and is continuing to make people smile, but as a hero.

With director Suni's *Avatara Purusha*, Sharan's 14th film as a lead, he aims to explore something new. "Comedy is an important and versatile genre that can be blended with other genres like horror, action, and sentiments. In *Avatara Purusha,* we have mixed comedy with thriller, and explore a new element of black magic," says Sharan.

Avatara Purusha will be released in two parts. The title of the first part has the suffix *Ashtadigbandana Mandalaka* and the second part *Trishanku* will be released later this year.

The much-awaited Kannada film backed by Pushkar Films will be out in theatres on May 6. The film marks Sharan and Suni's first collaboration.


Stills from the film *Avatara Purusha*

Sharan

"If people assume that our film will just be an out-and-out comedy or a light-hearted rom-com, their perspective will change after seeing the film. I wouldn't want to call this film 'different', by myself. I am confident that it will come from the audience. I am positive that it will be a great success for our team," says Sharan.

The actor promises that the black magic episodes will keep the audience on the edge of their seats. "I believe black magic is a science by itself. I have very little knowledge about it, so I can't comment much on it. *Avatara Purusha* introduced this to me. All credit goes to the director, who has gone in-depth into the subject. He has studied and researched a lot. His strong writing and technical prowess came in really handy for such a film," he says.

Sharan's role as a Junior artiste in *Avatar Purusha* took him to his early days. "Very few people get such an opportunity to relive their past. I am so blessed to do it through this film. I enjoyed every moment playing this role," he reminisces.

He gets to don various getups in the film. "It is not just done with the costume changes, it also includes the transition of personalities," he explains.

Sharan, who shares screen space with Ashika Ranganath for the second time after *Rambo 2,* also got to work with versatile actors like Saikumar, Bhavya, Sudha Rani, and Ashutosh Rana, and B Suresha. "With such great actors on the sets, it felt like going to a classroom. Their experiences helped us gain knowledge," he signs off.

A still from the film *Selfie Mummy Google Daddy*

SELFIE MUMMY GOOGLE DADDY GETS A RELEASE DATE

The family drama, directed by Madhuchandra R, stars Srujan Lokesh and Meghana Raj Sarja along with a bunch of child artistes

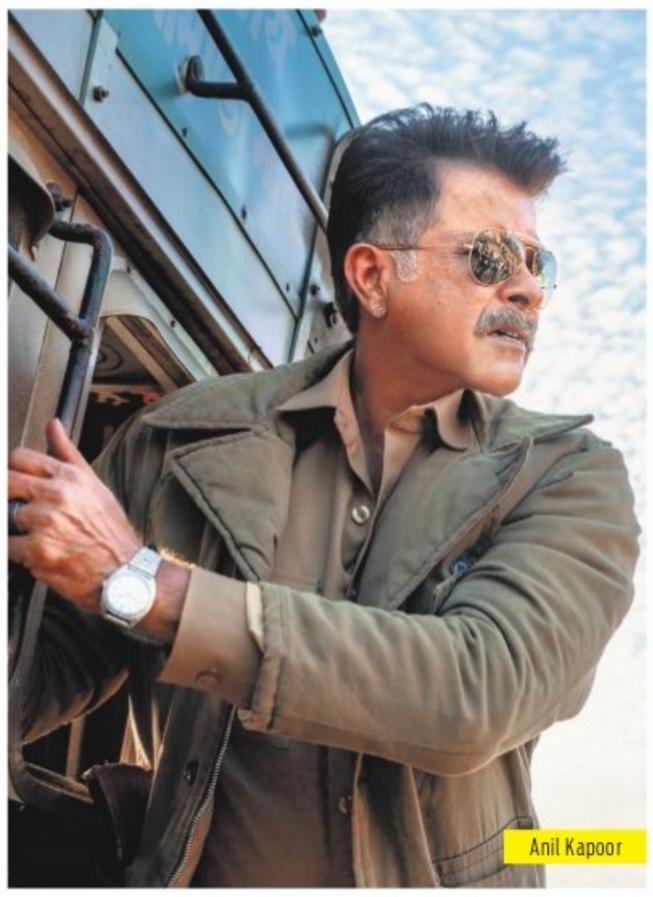
CE FEATURES

SELFIE Mummy Google Daddy, starring Srujan Lokesh and Meghana Raj Sarja, is set to hit the screens on May 13. Billed as a family drama, the film s written and directed by Madhuchandra R.

Selfie Mummy Google Daddy, which deals with technology addiction among kids, was screened at the Bengaluru International Film Festival earlier this year. Srujan, in an interaction at the recent trailer launch, shared that despite delays due to the pandemic, the film is still very relevant. Achyuth Kumar, Dattanna, Girija Lokesh, Sunder Raj, and Sudha Baragar will be seen in important roles in the film, which also stars a bunch of child actors like Babyshree, Master Alaap, and Master Samarth. *Selfie Mummy Google Daddy* is produced under the banner of Aakasha Butti Cinemas.

Anil Kapoor: People think I've done it all, I haven't

AK, Harshvarrdhan Kapoor and director Raj Singh Chaudhary on crafting an Indian western with *Thar*


Anil Kapoor

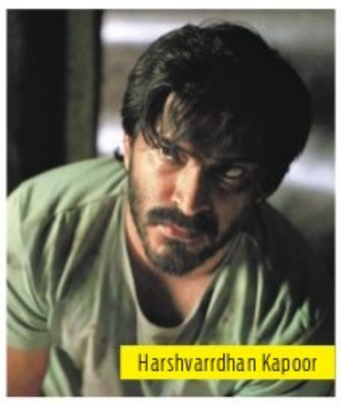
SHILAJIT MITRA

The Hindi western is resurgent. In 2019, we had Sonchiriya and Laal Kaptaan, two gritty, gruesome period pieces. And now comes *Thar*, which proudly slings the label of a 'western noir'. Shot in the scorching titular desert, it's about an antique dealer (Harshvarrdhan Kapoor) who comes to a Rajasthan village and gets caught in a violent plot. There are horses, bovine carcasses and Anurag Kashyap on dialogue. "I have a feeling this film isn't about Gabbar..." muses Anil Kapoor's grizzled cop in the trailer. Let the revisionism begin.

In a chat with Cinema Express, Anil, Harsh and writer-director Raj Singh Chaudhary fired off on all things western. Excerpts....

Sholay is held as the ultimate Indian western. But there were several other attempts, such as Shekhar Kapur's forsaken Joshilaay (1989).

Anil Kapoor: I have good memories of shooting that film (co-starring Sunny Deol). I didn't know how to ride a horse. I had done only a few hours of riding in Mumbai. But the terrain and atmosphere of Ladakh, where the film was shot, was such that I felt I could do it. Once during the shoot, I lost control of my horse. I couldn't see the road for miles. And the horse wouldn't stop! My hands were sweating and I felt this was the end of my life. Ultimately, we reached the tar road and the horse started slipping because of the horseshoes. I finally managed to get off it.


Harshvarrdhan Kapoor

What are the westerns you watched or referenced for *Thar*?

AK: I revisited all the Sergio Leone movies. I love Once Upon a Time In the West, which wasn't a big hit on release. I also watched a lot of contemporary westerns: No Country for Old Men, Hell Or High Water, Django Unchained, Godless. Harsh also made me watch Drive which is not a western but has some elements of the genre.

HK: My key reference was the series Too Old To Die Young by Nicolas Winding Refn. There's a young protagonist with elements of film noir. There's a lot of stillness in Miles Tiller's performance that I wanted to take from.

Raj: I grew up in Darjeeling and Rajasthan with a lot of western films and comic books. There were the classics (The Good, the Bad and the Ugly; Bud Spencer & Terence Hill). There were Ennio Morricone soundtracks and a lot of novels by Louis L'Amour. They all stoked a child's imagination. I think I may have been a cowboy in my last life.

AK: A rather violent cowboy (laughs)..

The western performance, like Harsh said, has its own rhythm. One of the best things about Sholay is just how dry and broody Amitabh Bachchan is. It's not the traditional mode of acting for Hindi film heroes.

HK: I found it quite challenging. My character, Siddharth, is unable to reveal who he really is. The task was to make a person like that magnetic. When he talks to someone, he shoots them a dead-cold stare. But behind that stare something is on. I tried to outline his thought patterns. Then came a lot of concentration and breathing exercises. I also worked on his voice. My previous two roles, in Ray and AK vs AK, were too loud and self-involved. This was a complete departure from that.

Raj Singh Chaudhary

Anil, from the gunslinger in Joshilaay, you are now the grey, hardbitten cop...

AK: I am doing this part at the right time of my career. People think I've done it all but actually I've not. There is so much left in me to do. Then they tell me the time is up. Some mean it well, some don't. So I tried to channel these feelings into my character.

Why was it important to set up *Thar* as a home production?

HK: I love films that contribute to pop culture. There isn't much like *Thar* out there. That's why I decided to produce the film with dad. The uniqueness and the authenticity of the world had to be protected. Because Raj is a new director and I am a new actor, our visions aligned. It was about making sure nothing gets in the way.

Thar releases on Netflix on May 6.